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BRITAIN, JAPAN AND AMERICA IN AGREEMENT.

CONCESSION TO FRANCE.

Following a most interesting and important discussion at the plenary session of the Naval Conference yesterday, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald told Press correspondents that the conference is within measurable distance of a solution of the problem of method, which has hitherto resulted in a division of opinion.

A step in definite achievement of this aim was accomplished in the appointment of a special committee to consider questions of method and procedure included in the agenda, and report.

Mr. A. V. Alexander stated that the United States, Japan and Great Britain are completely agreed, but they were prepared to consider some system of transference of tonnage from one category to another provided the transfer applied only to the less powerful type of ships.

The Italian delegate, Signor Grandi, said that the Italian delegation was not inclined to consider itself bound by any decisions until certain questions of principle were settled.

NAVAL CONFERENCE IN SESSION.

London, Jan. 29.
It is learned in authoritative French circles to-night that the French and British delegations have compromised and reached a virtual agreement on the fundamental issue of limitation by global tonnage or by categories. This issue is expected to be the principal subject of discussion at to-morrow's plenary meeting.

Other signs of progress could be discerned in the cautiously worded communiqués issued after the different meetings held yesterday between the various delegates to the Naval Conference. These are likely to be more clearly defined at the public plenary session to-morrow morning.

Differing Views.

The probability is that the proceedings will then be opened by a short statement by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as the Conference President, and the delegates of the different Powers are then expected to define their views on the different means whereby naval limitation can be achieved.

Broadly stated, the British theses is limitation by categories, with ratios between the Powers.

The French method is by estimating the globe tonnage with a provision for transfer from category to category, while the Italian delegation advocate a maximum tonnage with ratios in categories.

The delegates, in their discussions of last week, touched constantly upon these theses and as Mr. Stimson, in his broadcast speech, said of his colleagues from the other countries: "We now know their problems and their points of view with an intimacy that was impossible before."

Special Committee.

One specific item of business at to-morrow's conference will be the appointment of a committee to continue formally what the delegates have hitherto informally done, namely, the consideration of the methods and defining the order in which the conference shall proceed with its work.

The general impression is that this committee will consist of two representatives from each delegation. This morning the British delegates attended the usual weekly Cabinet Council.

London Banquet.

At a dinner given in London last night in honour of the Naval Conference delegates, Signor Grandi, head of the Italian delegation, spoke of Italy's need of a long period of peace in which to carry out the vast programme of work laid down by Signor Mussolini.

Lord Grey and Mr. Arthur Henderson also spoke. The Foreign Secretary said: "Everybody is well aware that if

the Conference succeeds we shall go forward to the Preparatory Commission at Geneva to make a world-wide treaty. If the Conference should fail who can foretell the consequences that might ensue. But we are afraid even to contemplate the thought of failure."

He added that it was in that spirit that the conference would act and it was for that part that he was confident of its success.

Plenary Session Outlook.

Interest in the Naval Conference centres at the moment on to-morrow morning's Plenary Session at St. James's Palace. The proceedings will be public.

After Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, as President of the Conference, has spoken, most of the heads of the other delegations will state their views, and the formation will be proposed of a committee consisting of two representatives from each delegation, one of the purposes of which will be to regulate the Conference's scheme of work and thus to guide it along the line of progress.

In more or less informal conversations, the delegates have been enabled to compare their different theories in regard to categories, global tonnage, etc., and to judge their relative effects upon the different varieties of tonnage; and it has been possible, during these consultations, in some measure to correlate and merge these different theories.

Luncheon to Delegates.

The Prime Minister to-day entertained the heads of the delegations and their wives to luncheon. Lord Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Snowden and Mr. and Mrs. Runciman also being present.

This evening, in his room at the House of Commons, the Premier gave the substance of the conversations between the French and British delegates in turn to Mr. Stimson, Mr. Wakatsuki and Signor Grandi.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

THE PLENARY SESSION.

In Measurable Distance of a Solution.

London, Jan. 30.
In opening this morning the third Plenary Session of the Five Power Naval Conference at St. James's Palace, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who presided, said it was called to deal with the agenda which had been circulated.

The only item on the agenda was that of consideration of general questions affecting the work of the Conference, and, under this heading, France, Britain and Italy had each given notice of proposals which they wish to advance as follows:—France, firstly, a system (Continued on Page 7.)

AUSTRALIA PICKS TEST TEAM.

W.M. WOODFULL LEADS THE TOURISTS.

THREE NEWCOMERS AMONG THE SELECTED.

A POWERFUL ELEVEN.

Sydney, Jan. 30.
Fifteen players, including three who will be entirely new to Test cricket, have been chosen by the Australian Selection Committee to represent Australia in England this year.

This will be the sixteenth Australian side to tour England, and high hopes are entertained that the lessons taught in the Tests of 1928-19, have been thoroughly taken to heart, and that the new blood introduced will restore something of Australia's prestige on the cricket field. It is extremely powerful in batting strength.

The team is as follows:

W. M. Woodfull (Victoria), captain;
Victor Richardson (South Australia), Vice-captain;
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria),
E. A. Beckett (Victoria),
D. J. Bradman (New South Wales),

A. Jackson (N.S.W.),
A. Kippax (N.S.W.),
A. Fairfax (N.S.W.),
S. McCabe (N.S.W.),
W. A. Oldfield (N.S.W.),
C. V. Grimmett (South Australia),

C. Walker (S. Australia),
T. Wall (S. Australia),
F. M. Hornibrook (Queensland),
A. Hurwood (Queensland).

C. McCabe, C. Walker, and A. Hurwood are the newcomers to Test cricket standard. All three of them are youngsters who have been doing extraordinarily well in Sheffield Shield matches, McCabe proving one of most reliable batsmen in the New South Wales team.

Obvious Choice.

W. M. Woodfull is the obvious choice for captain. He is under thirty years of age and yet has had considerable Test experience, being by far the most dependable batsman in the team. A solid batsman, he is extremely difficult to get out, having earned a reputation of being unbreakable. Hammond broke a long record in this respect by bowling him in the second innings of the fifth test in 1928-29, during which series, Woodfull made 491 runs for an average of 55.65, including three centuries, 111, 107, and 102.

Victor Richardson's selection is something of a surprise. He played in only two of the last Test series, scoring 35 runs in four innings. He has a high reputation Down Under, however, and has been in brilliant form this season.

W. H. Ponsford has made cricket history with the highest scores ever made in first class cricket. A prolific scorer, his style is not without flaws, however brilliant he may be on his own wicket. He failed in the 1928-29 Tests, Larwood having him guessing completely in the first two. He was injured and did not again play.

The Younger School.

Bradman, Jackson and Fairfax are of the younger school of batsmen. They came to the rescue of Australia in the latter part of the 1928-29 season, and made their presence felt to the extent that they headed the Test averages at the close of the season. Bradman batted eight times scoring 468 runs for an average of 58.55. The others came in later, A. D. Jackson joining the band who have scored a hundred in their first appearance. He made 164 runs, and he was only 19 years of age. Bradman is only about ten months his senior.

Wall, Grimmett, Fairfax (also a good bat) and Beckett are among the bowlers. Wall had the best average in the 1928-29 Tests taking eight wickets for 23.62 runs apiece. Grimmett took 23, but they cost 44.52 runs each. A Beckett was considered a star bowler, but he had

F.A. CUP RE-PLAY SENSATION.

SWINDON OVERWHELMED AT MANCHESTER

CITY NET TEN GOALS.

London, Jan. 29.
Manchester City swamped Swindon in the English Cup re-play, played at Manchester to-day, the Swindon defence being helpless to stem the tide, and conceding ten goals.

The Arsenal did well to beat Birmingham. Charlton and Middlesbrough failed to reach a conclusion, in spite of extra time.

The F. A. Cup re-plays, according to Reuter resulted as follows:

Charlton	1	Middlesbrough	1
Birmingham	0	Arsenal	1
Bradford	2	Derby C.	1
Manchester C.	10	Swindon	1

The revised draw for the Fifth Round is as follows:

Newcastle	v.	Brighton
Ruddersfield	v.	Bradford C.
Aston Villa	v.	Blackburn R.
West Ham	v.	Millwall
Manch. City	v.	Hull City
Sunderland	v.	Notts Forest
Middlesbrough	v.	Arsenal
Charlton	v.	Bradford
Wednesday	v.	Derby

"MONTE CERVANTES" DISASTER.

PASSENGERS RETURNING TO CIVILISATION.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29.
The passengers of the German liner Monte Cervantes, which sank in the Straits of Magellan six days ago after striking a rock, are now returning to civilisation little the worse for their adventure.

It will be recalled that the passengers, some sixteen hundred, had to be put ashore at Ushuaia, a notorious Argentinian prison colony, owing to the imminent danger of the vessel's sinking.

Great anxiety was felt regarding them as the accommodation on the island was totally insufficient for the needs of such a large number, while the prisoners on the island were the most dangerous criminals.

There appears to have been no reason for grave fears and everybody seems to be quite well.

The ship's band played the funeral march in memory of Captain Dreyer, who went down with his ship, when they passed the scene of the disaster.—*Reuter.*

U.S. COTTON PRICES SLUMP.

NEW LOW LEVEL FOR SEASON REACHED.

New York, Jan. 30.
Cotton prices in New Orleans dropped approximately two dollars per bale to new low level for the season.

Prices broke on a similar margin in New York, where liquidation was heavy following an official denial of a report that the Federal Farm Board contemplated purchasing cotton at prices above the market rates.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BOLIVIA-PARAGUAY DISPUTE.

ALLEGATIONS OF WARLIKE INTENTION DENIED.

Geneva, Jan. 29.
Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has received telegrams from the Bolivian Government asserting that the accusations of Paraguay—that Bolivia has mobilised two divisions for the invasion of Paraguay—are baseless.

The Bolivian Government states that Bolivia has no wish to disturb the peace of South America.—*Reuter.*

no luck and his two wickets cost 216 runs.

Oldfield appears to be like Charley's Aunt, though actually he is only 33 years of age. He is one of the finest wicket-keepers the game has seen, and is a useful, even a stylish, batsman. This will be his third visit to England. Hornibrook is being played mainly for his bowling. Information regarding Hurwood and Walker is lacking.

MOTOR CYCLING ALL NIGHT.

TERRITORIES TRIAL BIG SUCCESS.

FIFTY COMPETITORS START ON 225-MILE RIDE.

WIFE AS PASSENGER.

Fifty determined motor cyclists, muffled up in many thicknesses of clothing, assembled at the Fire Station Compound in Kowloon shortly before midnight for the start of the motor cycle reliability trial organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. There was a buzz of activity at the spot and soon a large crowd of spectators gathered to see the start. The competitors have been riding all night and are still going at the time of writing.

It speaks much for the sporting instincts of local motor cyclists that of the fifty-two entrants, only two failed to come up to the start post. The first man left dead on time at 12.1 and the others followed at intervals of one minute, competitors waiting by the starting marshals and the chronometer showing the official trial time until they were given the word to start on the 225 mile ride.

Few Failures.

Only one man lost points at the start and there were indications that all competitors intended to ride to a strict mile-by-mile timetable. On the first lap, round the New Territories by way of Waterworks Hill, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Fanling and Castle Peak, there were comparatively few failures. One rider lost time soon after the start with a broken chain and checked in very late at the first check.

One or two others had trouble, but only one man failed to check in at Castle Peak on the first lap. At this check, few competitors lost time. They exchanged cheery greetings with the marshals operating the checks and up to this stage seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the event. The weather was not as cold as some had expected and the majority had made excellent preparations for their personal comfort as far as possible.

Wife as Passenger.

The combination outfits all carried men as passengers, with the exception of one, the rider of a Harley Davidson machine having his wife as passenger.

There was no halt until the first man reached Castle Peak shortly before seven o'clock this morning. Breakfast was served by the Cafe-teria which was open all night and provided a welcome haven for the marshals working the check at this spot every time the competitors came round.

After breakfast there was a re-starting test, and later the competitors turned and proceeded round the New Territory road by way of Un Long, Fanling, Tai Po and Sha Tin.

The first man is due to finish at 12.25 p.m. to-day and if other riders have maintained their time-tables they will come in at intervals of a minute, after riding for about eleven and a half hours.

Marshals' Torches.

The organisation proved excellent and at Fanling, Tai Po and the junction of the Castle Peak and Tai Po Roads there were bands of marshals, who shone powerful torches on the number plates of competitors as they went by and duly entered the time on the check sheets.

After the finish to-day, the check sheets will be examined and the points lost by each competitor will be discovered. This entails considerable work and no result of the trial will be possible for several days.

The handsome silver cups which constitute the awards for the trial are now being shown in the windows of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAY.

London, Jan. 30.

The Minister of Labour, Miss Bondfield, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the weekly amount of unemployment benefit paid to one million persons claiming benefit and their dependents in 1929 was £790,000.—*British Wireless.*

GIGANTIC SOVIET FORGERIES.

SPURIOUS NOTES TO VALUE OF £500,000,000.

FENG GETS TWO TONS.

Berlin, Jan. 30.
Another sensational turn was given to the trial at Berlin of two Russians and seven Germans charged with the forgery of banknotes, when counsel for the defence asserted that the Soviet Government itself for political purposes was extensively engaged in the "forged note business."

The prosecution alleges that the defendants were concerned in a gigantic plot to overthrow the Soviet by flooding the country with millions of spurious Soviet notes, declaring that the late General Hoffman was among the German leaders deeply involved and adding that many attempts were made to secure British co-operation. It was alleged that a well-known oil magnate was interested in the plot.

The submission of the defence, therefore, came as something of a bombshell. Counsel asserted that in efforts to achieve its political aims, the Soviet had forged English, American and Chinese currency notes to a value of at least £500,000,000.

Two tons of this paper-money was sent to Marshal Feng Yuxiang, and one ton to the Soviet Army in the Far East.

Counsel's allegation was supported by the police.—*Reuter.*

GANDHI'S OFFER TO HOLD OFF!

LIST OF "TERMS" IN INDIAN JOURNAL.

Bombay, Jan. 30.
Writing in the Nationalist journal *Young India*, Gandhi says that there will be no further talk of civil disobedience in India if the British Government initiates the reforms that he suggests.

These include the introduction of a law for Total Prohibition; the reduction by half of certain taxes; the reduction by half of the salaries of the higher grades of the Indian Civil Service; the imposition of a protective tariff on foreign cloth; and the abrogation of the Sedition Section of the Penal Code.

Gandhi also requests a general amnesty for all political prisoners, except proved murderers, and the abolition of the Criminal Investigation Department!—*Reuter.*

NEW GOVERNOR OF N. S. W.

APPOINTMENT OF SIR PHILIP GAME.

London, Jan. 30.
Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Game has been appointed to succeed Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair as Governor of New South Wales.—*Reuter.*

(Sir Philip Game entered the Royal Engineers in 1895 and attained the rank of Major in 1912, becoming Air Vice-Marshal in 1925. He served in the South African War and also the Great War. In the latter he was mentioned in despatches six times and accorded several British and foreign decorations. He went on the Retired List last year.)

WHEAT PRICES FALL IN AMERICA.

NEW REPORTS OF RUSSIAN EXPORTATION.

Chicago, Jan. 30.
Under the influence of fresh reports of Russian wheat exportation, wheat prices fell to a season's low level, being driven down two cents per bushel in the last fifteen minutes.

Trading finished two, or three cents below yesterday's prices.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW MINISTER.

London, Jan. 30.
H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Sir Andrew Ryan to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Jeddah.—*British Wireless.*

HIGHWAY ROBBER OUTRAGE.

FOREIGNER SHOT AT KOWLOON TONG.

DISCOVERED UNCONSCIOUS AFTER EIGHT HOURS.

WOUNDED IN CHEST.

Shot in the chest by a highway robber shortly after 10 o'clock last night, in Kowloon Tong, Isaac E. Elias, caretaker of the Jewish Synagogue, was not discovered until 6.45 this morning, when an Indian constable came across him, lying on his back, still in an unconscious state. The victim, who later regained consciousness, was removed to hospital.

It appears that Elias, who lives on the third floor of No. 66, Parkes Street, left his home at about 10 o'clock last night for the purpose of taking a walk, and whilst in Kowloon Tong, at the back of Essex Crescent, he was stopped by a Chinese who pointed a revolver at him and told him to hold up his hands.

Shot Down.

Elias immediately made a rush at the man, and at the same time he attempted to draw his own revolver, which he happened to be carrying.

The highwayman, however, fired point blank at Elias, who collapsed in an unconscious condition with a bullet wound in the left breast.

It is evident that after shooting Elias, the robber searched his clothing and managed to extract therefrom a sum of \$100 which Elias had in his pocket.

Revolver Discarded.

The robber, then appears to have bolted, but in his hurry he left behind him the revolver with which he fired the shot which brought Elias down.

Only one shot was fired, the bullet entering the fleshy part of the victim's left breast, and, being a glancing shot, it came out and lodged in Elias' forearm. Being flesh wounds, they are not regarded as serious.

Discovered This Morning.

The discovery of the affair was not made until 6.45 this morning, when an Indian constable on beat duty came upon Elias lying unconscious on a plot of ground at the back of Essex Crescent which is used as a football pitch. The victim had apparently not moved from the place where he was shot down.

Shortly afterwards, Elias recovered consciousness and he was able to recount the shooting incident to the constable, at the same time reporting that a sum of one hundred dollars which he had in his pocket had been stolen.

Robber Described.

In describing the highwayman, Elias stated that he appeared to be about 30 years of age, of short build and rather dark complexion. His revolver was found on the ground near the victim, having been discarded.

Elias was at once rushed to the Kowloon Hospital, where he now lies. His condition is not regarded as serious.

The police are at present investigating the affair, but so far they have not succeeded in effecting any arrest.

CHICHESTER FLIGHT CONCLUDES.

ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA VENTURE.

Sydney, Jan. 30.
The New Zealand airman, Mr. Chichester, has arrived here, thus completing his flight from England to Australia.

In the final stages of his flight, he left Rangoon on the 18th instant for Burma, which he reached the same day. On the 19th, he left for Singapore, whence he continued his flight to Port Darwin, which he reached on the 25th.—*Reuter.*

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CHINA NEW YEAR.

CHINESE CELEBRATION AS OF OLD.

The Chinese in Hongkong celebrated the advent of the new Lun year with all the enthusiasm of previous years.

An excellent decoration scheme, which reflects great credit on the management, was put into effect at the Peninsula Hotel at Wednesday's China New Year's Carnival dinner dance which was attended by approximately 400 revellers. In keeping with the event, the atmosphere and general tone of the decorations were distinctly Chinese. In the Rose Room the beautiful appointments and standard embellishments were added to by the hanging of Chinese scrolls on the walls, depicting scholars, students and various other phases treasured by the Chinese. Big Chinese lanterns of many colours, which produced a charming effect, were hung round the room and these were dominated by a particularly big lantern hung in the middle of the ceiling.

In the lift lobby and foyer were two huge figures of Chinese warriors, both dressed in the colourful fashion of the country they represented. Potted ferns in pots were also prettily hung with colours. The Roof Garden was decorated in much the same fashion.

A special menu was provided for those who attended, daintily printed in gold lettering on a red background with the Chinese wish *Kung Hei Fat Choy* on the front. Included in the menu was one Chinese dish, this being chicken and walnuts.

The occasion was one for either formal evening wear or fancy dress and some attractive costumes were seen among those who preferred to wear fancy dress.

The Hongkong Hotel.

A highly artistic and pleasing decorative scheme was carried out in the roof garden at the Hongkong Hotel, for Wednesday's Chinese New Year dinner dance, and over 200 people enjoyed high revels.

The entrance to the garden was adorned in national flags, whilst silk Chinese covers were draped over the chairs. Chinese works of art and scrolls hung from the walls, and coloured electric lights added to the general effect.

In the roof garden itself and the adjoining dining room, gorgeous Chinese lanterns were suspended from the ceiling and multi-coloured ribbons made a brilliant picture. Behind the dance orchestra were arranged two bowls, which, as the result of clever lighting effects, were made to appear as though tongues of fire were shooting from them. The general lighting effects too were very fine.

As usual, the management were responsible for a delightful special menu, consisting half of Chinese and half of European dishes. It included bird's nest soup. Across the menu cards was printed the Chinese wish, *Kung Hei Fat Choy*.

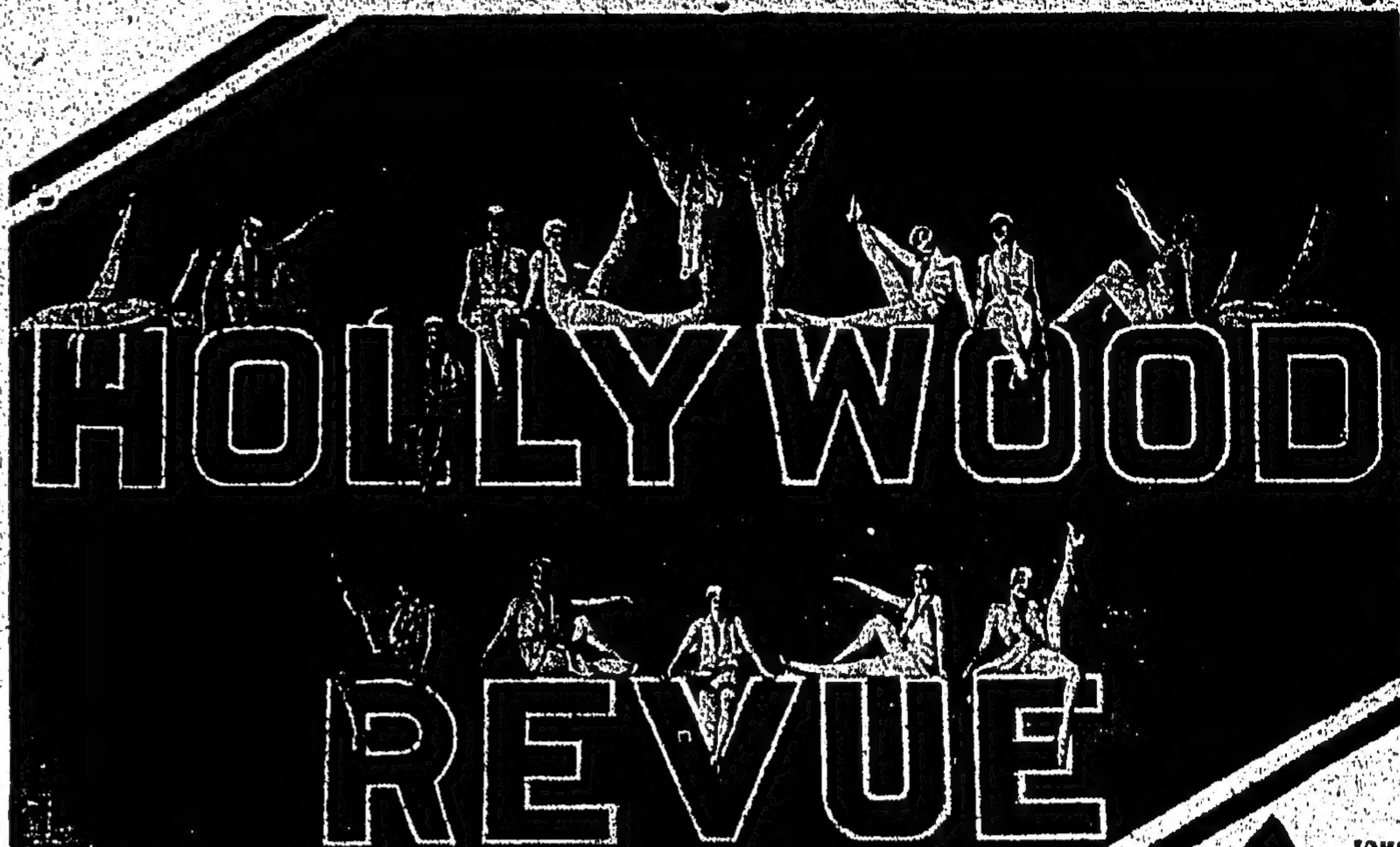
As heretofore, dress was made optional, and several took advantage of this to appear in pretty fancy costumes, which added in no small measure to the brilliance of the scene.

QUICKER JOURNEY.

HONGKONG TO SEATTLE IN 18 DAYS.

It is announced that the American Mail Line and Dollar Steamship Line have shortened the time in transit from Hongkong to Victoria and Seattle by three days.

The vessels will leave Hongkong on the same schedule as in the past—namely every alternate Tuesday—but by cutting down the time in port at Shanghai and Japan ports, the vessels will now arrive at Victoria and Seattle on the eighteenth day after leaving Hongkong, instead of on the twenty-first day as heretofore.



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LATE MRS. HARKER.

LOCAL ESTATE REQUEATHED TO HER DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Thekla Magdalena Brotherton Harker, widow, late of No. 3 and 4, The Albany, Hongkong, who died at Victoria Hospital on January 2, left local estate to the value of \$11,000, all of which is bequeathed to her only daughter, Georgette Marquerite Thekla Austin, wife of Mr. Frank Austin, manager of Messrs. S. J. David and Co., David

House.

Testatrix, in her will, appointed her daughter and Mr. Matthew John Denman Stephens, solicitor, as executrix and executor of the will, but the latter died on April 28, 1925, and Mrs. Frank Austin is at present residing outside the Colony. Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. Frank Austin, who is the person appointed by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) to be the administrator of the estate by virtue of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, for the use and benefit of his wife until she applies for probate.

Lo Chin-ting, who died intestate at Macao on September 6, 1921, after having carried on business in Japan for about 50 years, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$70,300. When he retired he returned to China, his native district being Heung Shan, Kwangtung, but owing to the unsettled conditions in the interior he resided at Macao for two years and when he died his remains were removed to his ancestral home in Heung Shan. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to Lo Ku-min and Lo Kom-wai, late of Macao, both now residing

at No. 4, Prince Terrace, second and third sons. Petitioners give as the reason for delay in the application that they were not aware such application had to be made.

Hongkong estate which has been sworn under \$67,000 was left by Tan Ban-tjole (or Tjole), late of Passar Baros, No. 142, Weltevreden, Java, who died intestate at the Lee-Eng Bom, Java, on November 27, 1928. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow Lim Tjan-mia, temporarily residing at No. 150, Connaught Road Central.

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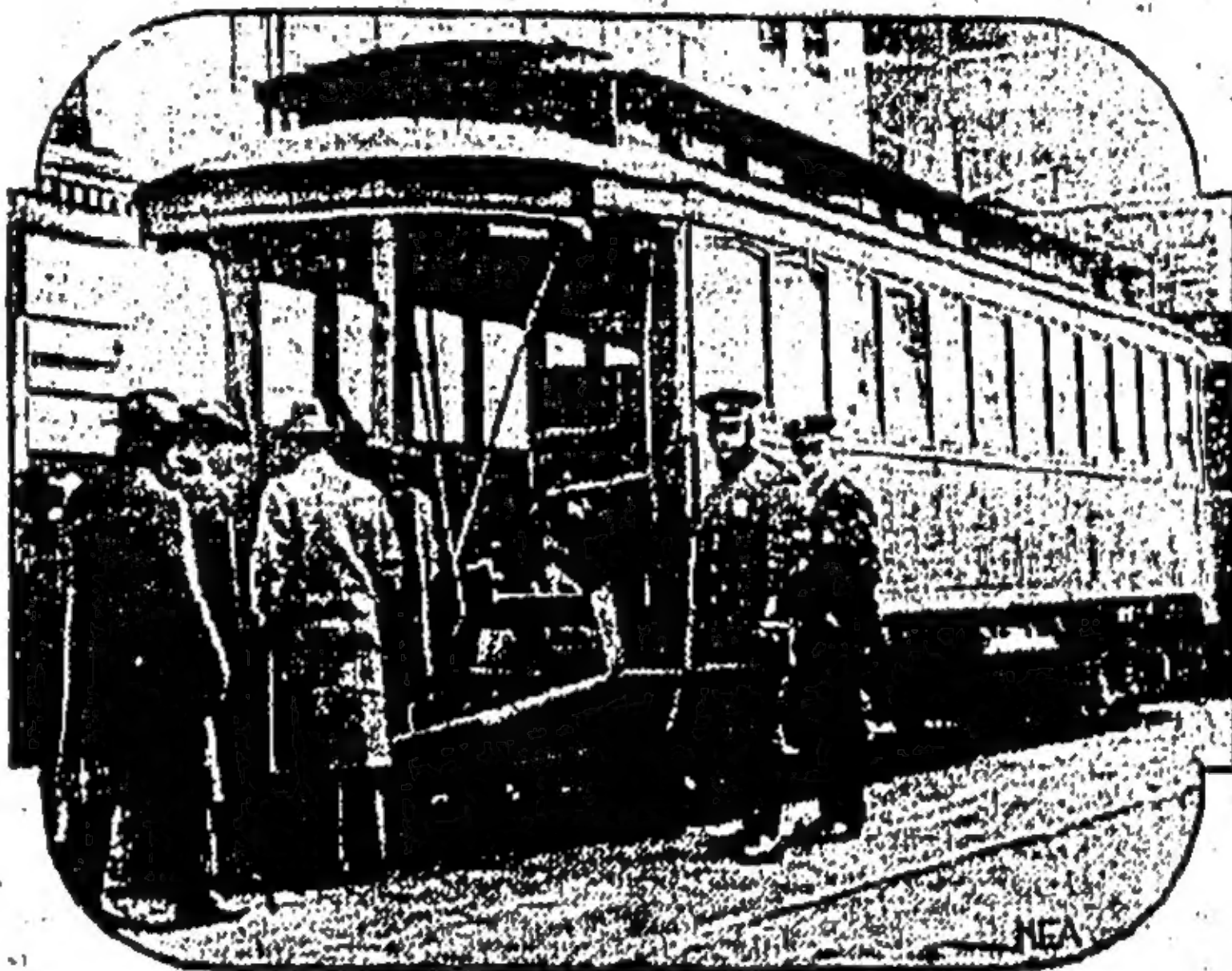
In these tranquil tombs near Mukden the Ming Emperors are buried. Not far away is another tomb, that of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, famous war-lord of the Three Eastern Provinces, and father of the present Fengtien leader.



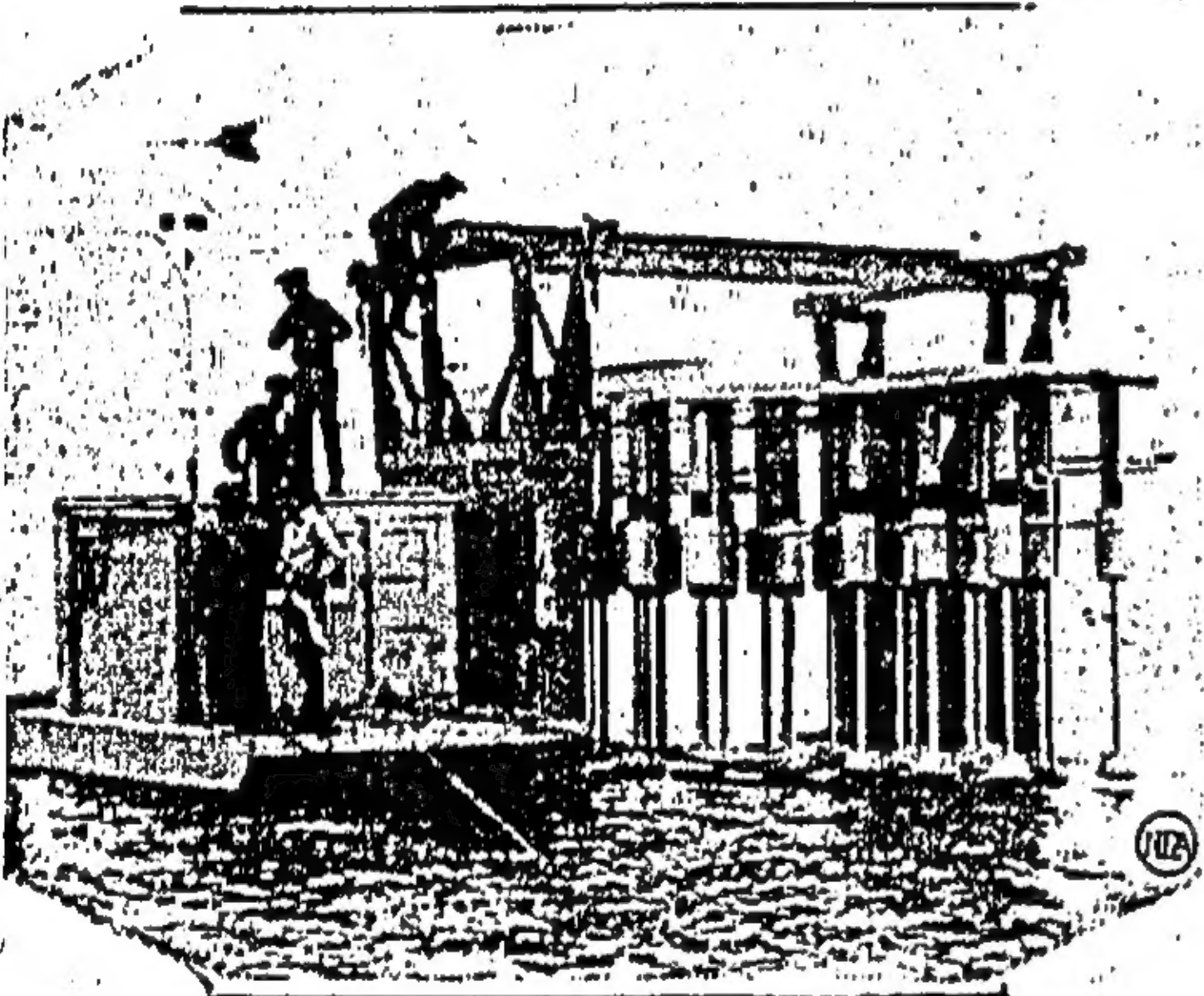
Mrs. D. L. Nowbigging, married in Shanghai, who is making her home in Hongkong.



The evening before the Russian Christmas celebration in Shanghai a group of young business women packed and distributed many baskets to needy families. The foreign Y.W.C.A. in Museum Road was their headquarters.



The tramcar shown above ran wild with 25 passengers at full speed through two miles of dangerous traffic after a collision with a truck in Cincinnati. The crash smashed the controls of the car, and only luck and active wits saved the passengers from injury.



The proposed string of floating airports, serving as "local stops" for ocean going planes, will be patterned after the model seadrome which is pictured above during its initial launching test at Cambridge, Mass. In principle, the seadrome has foundation floats extending far beneath the waves into still water so that surface disturbance cannot affect the platform's stability.



There is no truth in the rumour that Hongkong contemplates following in the wake of Shanghai and employing a municipal orchestra for winter evenings entertainment. Above are the soloists at the 15th symphony concert of the present season, at the Shanghai Town Hall recently (upper left to right): Messrs. I. Sheftzoff, J. Stupel and J. Ullstein, cellists; and (lower, left to right) Messrs. A. de Kryger, C. J. van Heyst and F. M. Calbo. Popper's "Requiem," for three cellos with orchestra accompaniment, and Wolfenborn's "Funeral March," for three bassoons solo, were given.

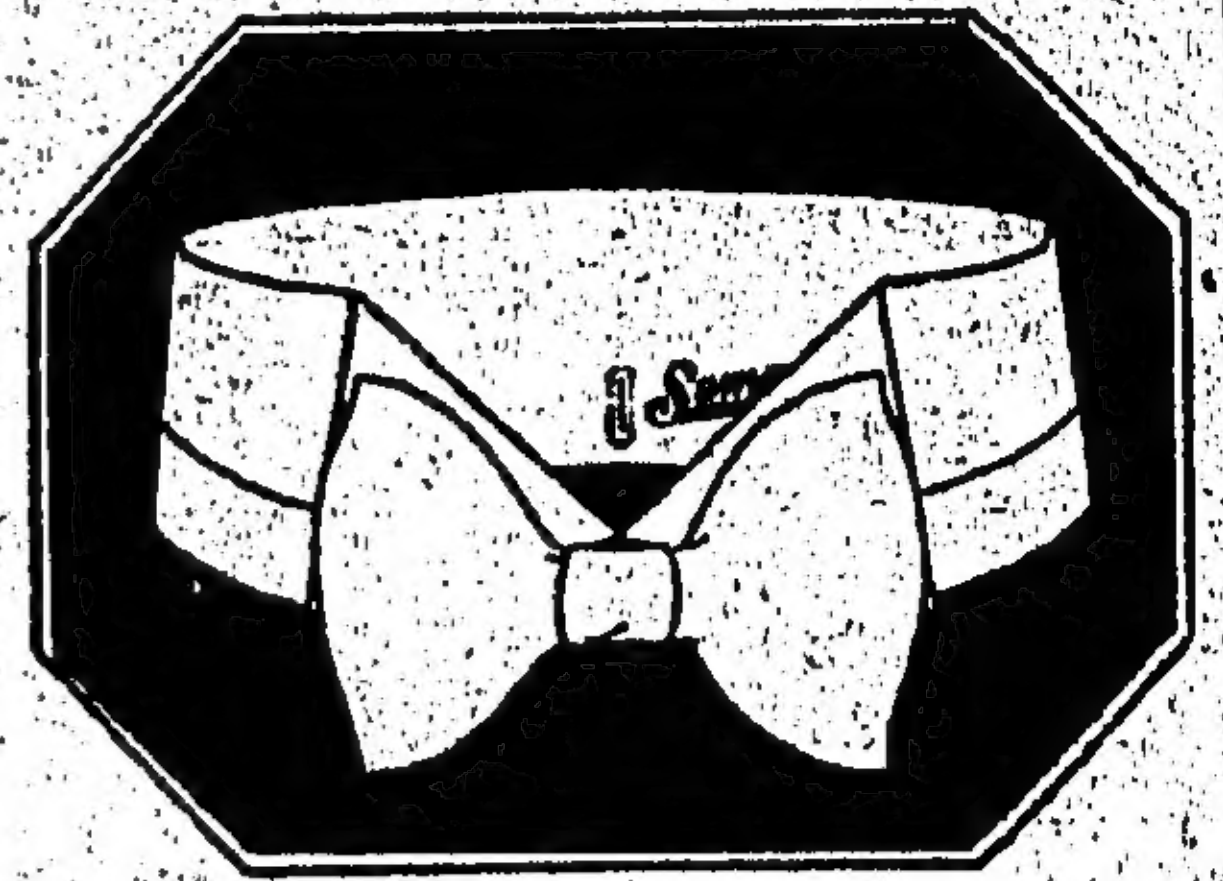


Scientists all over the world are interested in the discovery of a complete mammoth skeleton, one of the few perfect skeletons ever found of the gigantic animals that roamed America 25,000 years ago, on an estate of Mr. E. L. Dobony, the oil magnate, near San Juan Capistrano, Calif. The animal was apparently 11 feet high and 14 feet long. This picture shows as much of the skeleton as had been excavated.



Five of United States' delegates to the naval limitation conference in London are pictured above. Left to right, are: Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams, Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania; Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson; Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, and Dwight F. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico. The two other American delegates are General Charles G. Dawes, ambassador to Britain, and Charles Evans Hughes, former Secretary of state.

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NEW CLUE IN OLD FILM MURDER.

CONVICT'S ALLEGED STORY OF CRIME.

New York, Dec. 22.
The mystery of the murder of Mr. William Desmond Taylor, the famous English film director, who was found shot at his desk at Hollywood in January 1922, is again declared to be near solution after theories which have tried to throw the blame on thieves, blackmailers and jealous women admirers.

The San Francisco, Cal., Bulletin publishes an interview with ex-Governor F. W. Richardson, of California, who says he learned from a convict in Folsom Prison that the murder was committed by an actress.

District Attorney Burton Fitts, of Los Angeles, admits that only one link is missing in the solution of the crime mystery. He declined to say whether he alluded to Taylor's valet, Edward Sands, who disappeared soon after the murder, and has since been sought by the police.

"Almost Perfect Case."

"We have reconstructed the scene of the murder," he said, "and have built up almost a perfect case."

"The story behind it is most interesting, but cannot be told yet."

"My detectives have scoured the United States in efforts to supply the single missing connexion. The police throughout the country know what this link is."

Ex-Governor Richardson asserts that if the sensational case was not cleared up at the time, this was due to Mr. Asa Keyes, then district attorney of Los Angeles.

Keyes is at present in gaol, appealing against his conviction for bribery while in office.

"I told the foreman of the grand jury at Los Angeles, and the chairman of the Jury's Criminal Committee, I had a solution of the mystery, and asked if there was any chance of an indictment," the ex-governor is quoted as saying.

"Bribed or Murdered."

"The answer was, no. They explained that either Keyes, or one of his deputies, would be in the grand jury room, and that before any person could be brought to

New Advertisements

NOTICE.

Notice is herewith given that owing to the Amalgamation of the Sallor's Home at West Point with the Missions to Seamen, the former Institution will be closed down on 1st March 1930 and the business carried on at the Seamen's Institute, Wanchai. All accounts against the Sallor's Home must be presented, and all personal effects removed from the premises, not later than that date. All debts payable to the Sallor's Home and not paid before the 1st March 1930, will be collectable by the Seamen's Institute.

By order of the Trustees.
Frank Baylis,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1930.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

Acting under instructions received from the Inspector General of Customs I have to notify the public that the following are fixed equivalents in gold currencies for converting values into Customs Gold Units:—

Pence	19.7265
Dollar Gold	0.40
French Franc	10.184
Gold Yen	0.8025
Singapore Dollar	0.705
Rupees	1.096
Reich Mark	1.679
Guilders	0.935
Italian Lire	7.600
Swiss Franc	2.073
Gelgus	2.877
Norwegian Krone	1.492
Swedish Krone	1.492
Danish Krone	1.492
Austrian Shilling	2.843

J. M. H. Osborne,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs
Kowloon and District.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, Ltd.

hereby announces that they are removing to their new premises the Industrial and Commercial Bank Building at 12-14 Queen's Road, Central, and will be open for business at the above address on February 3rd, 1930.

By Order of the Board of Directors
T. K. LIN,
General Manager,
Hongkong, January 26th, 1930.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 30th, 31st January and 1st February, (China New Year Holidays).

Hongkong, 26th January, 1930.

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trial the important witness would be spirited away, bribed, or murdered."

Among the internationally-known movie actresses he questioned were Miss Mary Miles Minter and Miss Mabel Normand. Miss Normand was one of the last people to see Captain Taylor alive, while Miss Mary Miles Minter, formerly under his management, also figured in the investigation.

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U.S. STATE ACTION UNDER TRUST LAW.

New York, Nov. 28.

Film monopoly reports have led Mr. Mitchell, the U.S. Attorney-General, to invoke the law against "combinations in restraint of trade"—commonly called "the Anti-Trust Law."

Mr. Mitchell has been watching the operations of the Fox Film Corporation on the one hand and of the Warner Brothers Picture Corporation on the other hand, since there have been reports of a contemplated amalgamation of these groups. He has filed a suit for the dissolution of both organisations.

Capitalisation \$75,000,000.

With nearly \$18,000,000 assets, the Fox concern controls other companies having stock valuations of \$30,000,000 or more.

Warner Brothers, with \$3,250,000 assets, controls concerns whose valuation is estimated to exceed \$24,000,000.

Thus the combined resources of these combinations would total more than \$75,000,000.

Washington Government's action, which has come as a complete surprise, is based on the recent acquisition by the Fox concern, or by some of its responsible heads, of the Loew chain of more than 200 theatres having a capitalisation of \$2,250,000; and by Warner Brothers of the First National Pictures, valued at \$3,250,000.

Control of Vast Output.

The combined production of the Fox interests is put at 40 per cent. of the output of the entire motion picture industry in this country; that of Warners is put at 25 per cent.

It is sought by the Attorney-General's action to have the stock purchase by which the mergers of subsidiaries of both groups of interests are effected set aside; and to have the defendants ordered to strip themselves of their holdings.

An injunction is also sought to prevent them from exercising the voting power conferred by the stock involved.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

On Thursday, 30th January the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed; on Friday, 31st January and Saturday, 1st February, the G.P.O. will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and the Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Thursday there will be no collection from the pillar boxes and no delivery by postman but ordinary correspondence may be obtained at the back counter at the south-west corner of the General Post Office Building, ground floor.

On Friday and Saturday there will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 6 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Date
U.S.A. (Seattle 11th January)	President Grant	January 31
Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Mantua	January 31
Shanghai and Swatow	Sulyang	February 1
Saloon	G.G. Merlin	February 1
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjondari	February 2
Saloon	G.G. Paul Doumer	February 3
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 11th Jan.)	U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and	
Shanghai	Emps. of Asia	February 3
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	February 3
Strait	Kamo Maru	February 3

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., Feb. 1
	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Jan. 31, 9 a.m.
	Registration	Feb. 1, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.
	Registration	Feb. 1, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 28th February)
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Macedonia	Sat., Feb. 1, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Anking	Sat., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Grant	Sat., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Feb. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B. C.	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., Feb. 3
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due Victoria B. C. 21st Feb.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Mon., Feb. 3
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Mon., Feb. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Blintang	Mon., Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Achilles	Tues., Feb. 4
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 28th Feb.)
Amoy	Tjondari	Tues., Feb. 4, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Haiching	Tues., Feb. 4, 1 p.m.
Bangkok	Chaksang	Tues., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via Siberia	Kayong	Tues., Jan. 4th, 5 p.m.
	Korea Maru	Wed., Feb. 5
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due San Francisco 28th Feb.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Korea Maru	Wed., Feb. 5
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Swatow	Linan	Wed., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Sondakan	Hinang	Thurs., Feb. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hanyang	Fri., Feb. 7, 1 p.m.
Straits	Bellerophon	Sat., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dalny	Liangchow	Sat., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Feb. 9, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Antung	Mon., Jan. 10th, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Sunning	Mon., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Empress of Russia	Wed., Feb. 12
	Parcels	Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Jan. 12, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 12, 10 a.m.
*Shanghai and *Japan	Siberia Maru	Wed., Feb. 12, 8.30 a.m.
		*Superscribed Correspondence only.

WILL THE POLICE BE SUED?

MRS. CHAMBERLAYNE CONSULTS LAWYERS.

London, Nov. 30.

A report of the circumstances in which Mrs. Frances Margaret Chamberlayne was arrested by the police on a warrant has been called for by Rear Admiral Sir Charles Royle, who, during the illness of Lord Byng, is acting as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

The report will be furnished by Vine-street police station, to which the officers concerned are attached.

Meanwhile Messrs. Messer, Lawrence and Co., the City of London solicitors, are in consultation with Mrs. Chamberlayne respecting possible action against the police.

Mrs. Chamberlayne yesterday authorised the following statement regarding her experience, which on Wednesday, was described by Mr. Dummett, the Marlborough-street magistrate, as "an unfortunate and disastrous mistake."

"Whether any further action will be taken or not depends on the advice of my solicitors."

"Among Working Girls."

"I should like to point out that three assistants, of Messrs. Harrods, who served the woman for whom I have been mistaken, describe the woman as tall, with fair peroxidized hair, a very badly-made-up face, and front teeth very wide apart."

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"I asked that the others in the parade should at least be dressed as the wife of a man in a good social position. No attention was paid to my protest."

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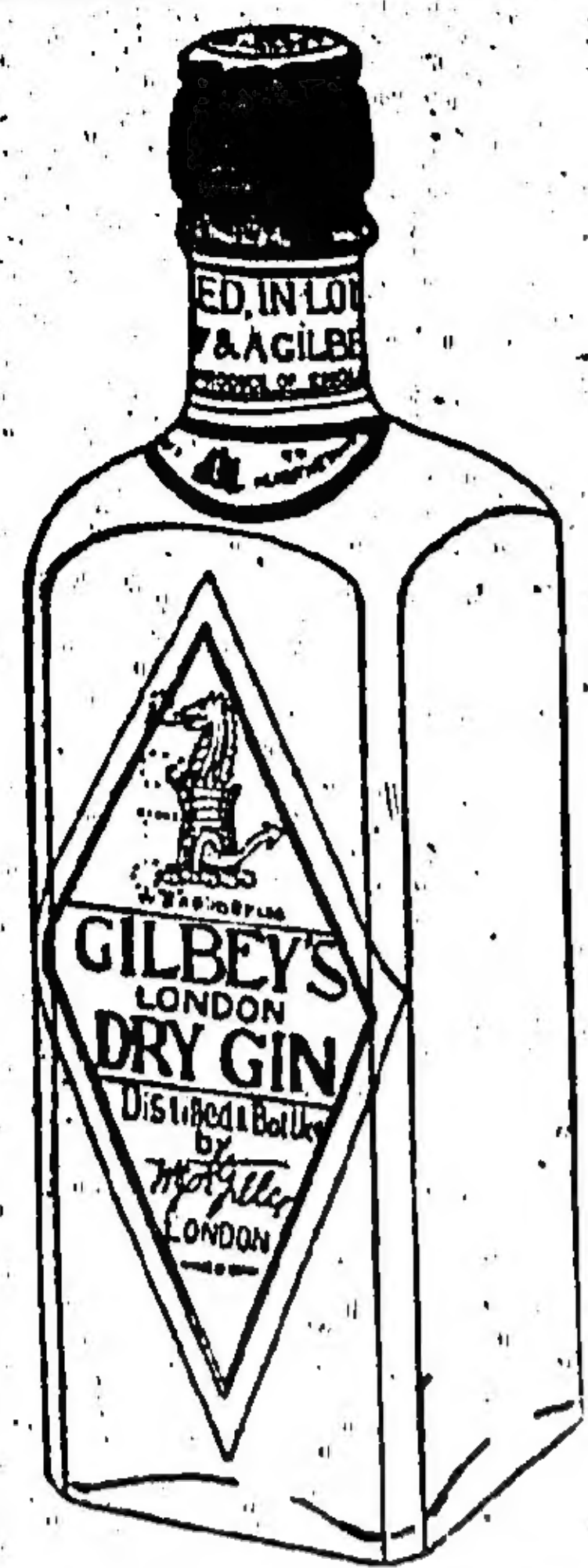
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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 1930.

THE TARIFF TRUCE.

That tariffs are an obstacle to trade, there cannot be any doubt. That much will be agreed to by all schools of economic thought, by Free Traders and Protectionists alike. The League of Nations, realising this, is now sponsoring a scheme for a two years' tariff truce, and it is this proposed truce which was the subject of a number of questions in the House of Commons a couple of days ago. There are, of course, several nations who do not favour action along these lines, but the matter is to come up for discussion at a Conference under the League auspices which is to be held at Geneva on February 15th. Some of the British Dominions are against participation, but, notwithstanding this fact, the Imperial Government intends giving its support to the movement, as Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, has just indicated.

The object of this proposed truce, in the view of the Economic Committee of the League of Nations, is to "inaugurate an era of peace and stability during which collective agreements to facilitate international economic relations could be worked out and negotiated." This is one of the opening remarks in the report prepared by the Committee at the end of October on the proposal for a two years' truce. The report explains the provisions of a draft convention framed by the Committee whereby the countries which become parties to the truce would bind themselves to maintain unaltered in principle the treatment which they at present concede, by consolidating their customs duties and exchanging effective guarantees in regard to internal taxes, prohibitions and all impediments to trade. They are to do this, according to the preamble of the draft convention, in order more rapidly and effectively to apply the resolution of the World Economic Conference of 1927 (declaring that existing tariffs were too high and should be lowered), and in order

to create a stable basis and an atmosphere of confidence for the concerted action to this end contemplated by the last Assembly. In drafting the convention, the Economic Committee found it necessary, in order to secure the accession of a large number of countries, to allow for the possibility of exceptions and derogations to the truce, subject to an appeal in some cases to arbitration, in others to previous agreement among the parties to the convention. The difference between specific and ad valorem duties also necessitated some compromise, since whereas specific duties would really be stabilised by a tariff truce, ad valorem duties automatically increased in response to changes in the value of the goods concerned. A third problem was that of the denunciation by countries not parties to the truce of tariff treaties concluded with a country which is a party. A fourth consideration is the relation of the convention establishing the tariff truce to existing or future customs treaties. The Committee also considered the date in which the truce should become effective and proposed that this should be retroactive, that is, should start in any case before the conclusion of the convention, and if possible be based on the state of tariffs on October 1, 1929.

The draft convention, which comprises 22 articles, in some cases with alternative texts, propounds solutions of all these difficulties. It endeavours so far as the distinguished experts from many countries meeting in the League Economic Committee could secure, to be sufficiently broad and elastic to take account of practical difficulties and of the varying needs of agricultural and industrial states, and yet so stringent as to make the tariff truce a reality and prepare the way, as the final article of the convention declares, "for the conclusion of collective agreements to facilitate economic relations by any means which may seem to be practicable."

Governor His Own Spokesman.

One of the most notable features of Sir Cecil Clementi's term of office as Governor of Hongkong, unobserved by the general public, has been a marked improvement in the relations between the Press and the Government, to the mutual benefit of both. The old attitude of aloofness has largely been dissipated. His Excellency, as a liberal and instructed administrator, has fully recognised the value of taking the Press and the public into his confidence and in many matters of the highest importance, has elected to be his own spokesman. What Sir Cecil has had to say for publication, he has said on his own responsibility. At the same time, he frequently talked with newspaper representatives in an informal discursive manner, giving them extremely valuable background material, much of course, in strict confidence. The information usually was for guidance in analysing and commenting upon local developments, extending on many occasions to matters of wider import, having bearing, for instance, on the political situation in China. Often, we have been assisted to an appreciable extent in grasping the underlying issues as stake in the trend of events. On the eve of his departure for Singapore, and the severance of his official connexion with the Colony to the general regret, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to his Excellency's contribution to the cordiality existing between the Press and the Executive, and to express the hope that his successor, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern for the time being, will continue this sound policy. Background information will be received and respected as it has been under Sir Cecil Clementi. It should not be necessary to suggest the absence of any occasion for the use of vicarious instrumentality in giving expression to official views. No one, we feel sure, understands that better than the Hon. Mr. Southern, who has been in contact with local journalists for nearly four years.

OPERAS OF 1600 TO 1820.

FROM MONTEVERDE TO WEBER.

The foundation of the London Opera Festival at the New Scala Theatre, which commenced on December 30, was really laid when Mr. Robert Stuart, then an undergraduate at Corpus Christi, organised the production of Monteverde's "Orpheus" in 1925. The performance took place in the Playhouse in the vacation. As a result the following year the Oxford Opera Club was formed and, after being on probation for two years, was recognised by the University; the productions, like those of the O.U.D.S., are now allowed to take place during the term. During a long talk recently, Mr. Stuart gave me some interesting particulars of his adventurous season at the Scala. His aim is to give an historical survey of opera from 1607 to Weber's "Der Freischütz," which he describes as the first great romantic opera. Although not strictly part of the festival, performances of "Hansel and Gretel," and a short opera by Mr. Gervase Hughes (first played in 1925) will also be given at matinees only from January 20 to January 25.

Beginning at the Beginning.

"We are starting with Monteverde, because 'Orpheus' really established opera as an art form," he said. "It was first performed in 1607 or 1608 for the Gonzaga, the reigning family of Mantua, and it is believed that the libretto was the work of Alessandro Striggio. As far as I have been able to trace this will be the first complete professional performance of 'Orpheus' since that time—Monteverde not only laid the foundations of modern opera, but he may be said to have instituted the orchestra. He chose a collection of thirty instruments to accompany the choruses and play the *sinfonie* and *ritornelli*. Recitative forms the bulk of the music; there are only two songs for Orpheus. 'Are you attempting to reproduce Monteverde's orchestra?' I asked.

"No; the music has been edited and orchestrated by Mr. Jack Westrup, who is conducting, and, although he is attempting to reproduce the same sound effects, modern instruments will be used. The recitatives, however, will be accompanied on the harpsichord by Mr. Boris Ord. The translation has been made by me, and I am producing the opera in modern settings. Throughout the season some brilliant artists will sing the chief parts, and I have been fortunate enough to get Miss Penelope Spencer to arrange all the ballets. The cast in the Monteverde opera will include Mr. Dennis Noble, as Orpheus; Mr. Norman Allin, as Charon; Miss Gwyneth Edwards, as Eurydice; and Miss Denne Parker, as the Messenger.

Earliest English Opera.

"During the first week" Mr. Stuart continued, "we shall also present a double bill, consisting of 'Cupid and Death,' a masque by John Shirley, with music by Matthew Locke and Christopher Gibbons, and Puccini's 'Dido and Aeneas.' These are being produced by Mr. Dennis Arundell. From the musical point of view 'Cupid and Death' is the finest masque extant, and that and 'Dido and Aeneas' are to be given as examples of early English operatic experiments.

"The masque was first performed in 1653, and again in 1659, each time during the Commonwealth, and the amusing thought to anyone who has read it is that the piece was allowed to be performed as a 'moral entertainment.' The chief part is that of the Chamberlain of the Inn, at which Cupid and Death are guests. It will be taken by Mr. Sumner Austin. Mr. Jack Westrup is the conductor, and he has orchestrated the music from the manuscript at the British Museum. There is no record of a performance of 'Cupid and Death' since Cromwellian days.

A Handel Opera.

"Julius Caesar" is the type of opera that Gay parodied. This particular one was written before "The Beggar's Opera." It is a good example of the kind of opera that was sung during the early eighteenth century, and is full of minuets and gavottes and little tunes of the time. Handel wrote it for his Royal Academy of Music; it was first played on February 20, 1724, and contains his best operatic music. Mr. Gervase Hughes, who is conducting, has edited the music, which is based on the full score published by the Handelgesellschaft. It has been considerably cut, for the first performance probably lasted well over five hours. "Julius Caesar" has not been done in England since Handel's time, although, curiously, it has been produced in Germany in recent years. Mr. Norman Marshall will act as producer, and the pompous manner of the period will be adopted. Mr. Arthur Fearn as Julius Caesar, will wear the classical dress and a Handelian wig. Miss Gwyneth Edwards, as the part of Cleopatra, Mr. Sumner

DAY BY DAY.

THE DEVIL HAS MANY TOOLS, BUT A LIE IS A HANDLE THAT FITS THEM ALL.—Leader.

The Government has accepted the following tender:—Messrs. Kwong Hip Lung, \$1,550 for the repair of motor launch Lila.

The Empress of Asia left Nagasaki on the 30th Jan., is due at Shanghai to-day, and leaves Shanghai to-morrow at ten a.m.

It is notified that the officer hitherto known as the Assistant Colonial Secretary will in future be known and styled the Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Varied Pictorial Features To-morrow.

There will again be a varied selection of topical pictures in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

Amongst others, there will be illustrations of the launching of the s.s. Tsinan at Tak-koo by Madame Chan Ming-shu; a farewell tiffin party given at the Hon. Dr. Kotewall's residence to H. E. the Governor and Lady Clementi, at which many distinguished people were present; pictures of the magnificent Chinese gifts to Sir Cecil Clementi; and portraits of Capt. A. J. L. Whyte and Miss Frances Vandyke Tyler, whose engagement was recently announced.

Other pictures will include Lady Clementi at the opening of the Kowloon branch of the Helena May Institute; the International Regatta held last Saturday in Hongkong, and a dance given in connexion with Lugard Hall, Hongkong University.

The Empress of Australia, on a round the world cruise, left Padang on the 28th Jan., was due at Batavia on the 30th Jan., and is due at Hongkong on the 14th Feb. (Fri.) at 8 a.m.

The Directors and officials of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., are holding an "At Home" on the occasion of the opening of their new building at 12, Queen's Road Central on Monday.

An order by the Governor-in-Council provides that the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1925, shall henceforth apply to estors of morphine and their respective salts and to any preparation, admixture or extract containing any of the said esters. It is explained that the esters of morphine do not include and should not be confused with the ethers of morphine—for example, methylmorphine (codeine), ethylmorphine (dionin), to which the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance does not apply.

Austri will be Ptolemy, and Miss Denne Parker takes Cornelia. The designer is Mr. Hedley Briggs, who is dancing with Miss Penelope Spencer in some of the productions.

An "Unknown" Mozart.

"It is a strange thing," said Mr. Stuart, "that 'La Finta Giardiniera' (which may be translated as the woman who pretends to be a lady gardener), composed by Mozart at the age of nineteen, is quite unknown in England. It was commissioned for the Munich Carnival in 1775 and was a very great success. The opera, which foreshadows 'Così fan tutte,' will represent in the festival the late eighteenth-century. Acts II, and III, of his original score exist, but only the aria numbers of Act I. have been found. The recitatives to the first act have been composed to words based on an earlier setting of the same libretto by Antonio, by Mr. Leslie Heward, who is acting as conductor. 'La Finta Giardiniera' is an opera for seven characters, and there is no chorus. Mr. Nugent Monck is producing, and the parts are being taken by Mr. Henry Wendon, Miss Winifred Comstock, Miss Noel Badie, Miss Doris Lemon, Miss Marjorie Parry, Mr. Edward Leer, and Mr. William Michael.

"Gluck's 'Alceste' and Weber's 'Der Freischütz' are, of course, better known, and need little in the way of comment. 'Alceste,' which is being produced by Mr. Dennis Arundell, with Miss May Blythe, Mr. Charles d'Al, Mr. Frank Sale, and Mr. Sumner Austin in the chief parts. Sir Thomas Beecham is conducting. 'Der Freischütz,' with Mr. Humphrey Procter-Gregg as producer.

"At the end of the festival" Mr. Stuart said as we parted, "I think it will be evident that there has been no great improvement on Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' which I regard as 'the perfect opera.'"

G. W. B. in the Observer.

The Very Idea!

A little boy and his sister were presented with a sledge. After they had been playing with it for some time it seemed to their mother that the little girl was doing all the work.

"Norman," she said, "You've made Joyce pull you about in the sledge for over half an hour. Why don't you get out and haul her?"

"But, mamma," Norman explained, "it's so frosty. I'm afraid if she sat still on the sledge she will catch cold!"

Willenden Wife: My husband has had lots of money in the past 10 years, but it is a puzzle where a man's money goes.

Solicitor at Thames Court: We were selling hundredweights of coke, but the London County Council came down on us like a hundredweight of bricks.

Mr. Pope, the Clerkenwell Magistrate: I don't understand women; that is why I am a bachelor.

Mr. Registrar Friend, at Clerkenwell County Court: There are thousands of men who are known simply as Mrs. So-and-So's husband. Heaven help them!

Prisoner at Kingston-on-Thames: I did not kick him. I just shoved him with my toe.

(With acknowledgements to a once-popular ballad, a writer having asserted that toys are an indication of character.)

So you're keen upon disarming, little man;

And you've got your eye on farming, little man?

London soldiers you have spurned, and your gaze has fondly turned

To those woolly lambs so charming, little man.

Or you may be legal-minded when you grow to man's estate,

For you're browsing on a volume that is priced at six-and-eight.

But, having stopped a model car and told the crowd to clear,

It looks as though you'll make a perfect constable, my dear!

Husband (surveying garage bill): "We must get a new car; we simply cannot afford an old one!"

That the alloy now used for British silver coinage consists of 50 per cent. silver, 40 per cent. copper, 5 per cent. nickel and 5 per cent. zinc is revealed in the annual report of Sir Robert Johnson, Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint. No Imperial gold was coined during the year, but silver coins totalled nearly 72,500,000, while the total number of pieces struck exceeded 228,000,000, a figure only exceeded between 1916, and 1921, when the War and post-War demands for British bronze coins reached unprecedented figures.

WHO WAS....

NORA HELMER?

In these days of emancipated womanhood it is difficult to imagine what a profound shock Henrik Ibsen administered to European thought in his play "The Doll's House," of which Nora Helmer is the chief figure.

The popular conception of the ideal woman which prevailed in the late eighteenth century was of an innocent, helpless, clinging creature, childishly ignorant of the world and its ways, and more like a doll than a human being in her placid submission to male overlordship. It is against this ideal that Nora revolts.

From a mere desire to help her husband out of financial trouble, Nora forges her own father's signature, never realising the seriousness of the deed. How should she? She has never been taught or told anything about the law.

When the forgery is discovered, the husband, though he manages to protect his wife from prosecution, is furious with her for her bludgeoning driving her into such an agony of remorse and despair that she even thinks of committing suicide. Realising, however, that the blame for her own well-meaning folly, no less than for her husband's unreasoning anger, must be laid at the door of the social system which first proclaims ignorance and helplessness to be virtues in women but would turn and rend them when these supposed virtues show their less pleasant aspect, Nora resolves to defy the system in its entirety. Henceforth, she will no longer live a protected life in her home—her "doll's house."

Instead, she will go out into the world, to fight her own battles, alone and unaided, no longer a doll but a human being with a will and soul of her own.

PRIME MINISTER'S OPTIMISM.

MR. ALEXANDER ON POSSIBLE SAVINGS ON BATTLESHIPS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of global tonnage and the French delegation's transactional proposal; secondly, what classification is to be adopted; and thirdly, transfer, and the amount and conditions thereof.

Great Britain, a system of limitation by categories.

Italy, firstly, the determination of ratios, and secondly, the determination of the levels of the total tonnages of the several countries.

Conference Tasks.

Mr. Macdonald said that two things had been going on since the Conference began. That was a conference of five Powers and, consequently, the different interests and the different relationships between the Powers were exceedingly intricate. It was quite impossible to take them straight away and deal with them in open conference. The various delegations must exchange views with each other in order to remove misunderstandings and to pave the way for compromises and agreements.

That process had been going on daily since the Conference started. Although to those who had not been engaged in them the results might appear very slow in coming, nevertheless to those who understood the difficulties, the results were regarded as most gratifying. Parallel with these consultations, the heads of the delegations had met daily.

Committee Proposed.

As a result of these two parallel operations, the questions on the agenda had been handed in with a proposal that they should be referred to a committee.

Italy regarded the two points mentioned opposite her name as dealing rather with principles than with methods, and Signor Grandi desired to make his position clear regarding the inclusion of those two points.

Signor Grandi said that the French, Italian and British points dealt practically with the same problem—that of determining whether the limitation of naval armaments should be based on a system of global tonnage, or on a system of limitation by categories, or on an intermediate system such as that suggested by the so-called French transactional proposal. All these were questions of method.

Question of Principle.

On the other hand, the Italian Delegation raised a question of principle, namely, the determination of the ratios of strength between the various navies and a question of fact, namely the determination of the maximum levels of the total tonnages for the five Powers.

In placing these two points on the agenda, the Italian Delegation wanted the Conference to determine the General principles and political criteria of disarmament.

Italy agreed, however, that the question of method and of procedure on the agenda be examined in the meantime. While the Italian delegation was prepared to take part in these discussions it did not see its way to commit itself on any of the questions of method or on any special points of the disarmament problem, until the two fundamental questions in determination of ratios and maximum levels of global tonnage had been settled.

Mr. Stimson's Motion.

Mr. H. L. Stimson (America) moved that the questions of method and the procedure on the agenda and including, particularly the suggestions of the French and British Governments as to limitation by global tonnage or by categories, and including methods of procedure suggested by the French Government, be referred to a committee to be composed of representatives, to be appointed by the nations represented in the Conference with directions to examine carefully the possibilities and the probable effect of such methods with reference to the fleets of the respective nations and to report their views to the Conference through the chiefs of the respective delegations.

Mr. Stimson added that in putting forward the motion he was not proposing in any way to suspend the informal discussions between the various delegations.

Mr. Hugh Gibson, who was chairman of the three Power Naval Conference of 1927, and chairman of the American delegation to the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament, reviewed the progress made at the earlier conference in an examination of the questions which would be before the committee proposed by Mr. Stimson.

Past Experience.

He pointed to the progress made since 1926 and expressed the belief that this past experience would prove of great value in assisting the committee to close the gap between those lesser naval Powers who favoured limitation by global tonnage and those who favoured limitation by categories, which had support of Britain, America and Japan.

French Viewpoint.

M. Tardieu said the French had put all the good will in their power into their compromise proposal on global tonnage, and he hoped the Committee would very carefully consider the scheme and in relation to it would examine what classification of ships was to be adopted and amount and conditions of transfer tonnage to be allowed.

The First Lord of the Admiralty Mr. A. V. Alexander, one of the British delegates, repeated that, in complete agreement with America and Japan, Britain believed the system of limitation in various classes of ships was best calculated to prevent competition, to increase the feeling of security and to ensure economy. Britain, however, did not object to the principle of transfer of tonnage between less powerful classes of ships, but most careful regard must be paid to the results of an easy specific measure of transfer as such results might conceivably impair the confidence and stability at which the Conference should aim.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald announced that the conversations would be continued between the delegations and from those further business would arise. When that business had arisen, a Plenary Session would again be summoned.

The resolution was adopted and the plenary session then concluded. After the Conference, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressed the view to Press correspondents that they were within a measurable distance of a solution of the problem of category tonnage versus global tonnage, and that the committee would present an agreed report.

British Wireless.

It is explained that the category method of limitation of warships (supported by Britain, America and Japan) favours the allocation of the specific tonnage of each Navy for each type of ship, whereas the global method (urged by France) fixes the total tonnage of each Navy, but allows the nations to apportion tonnage as they desire.

This difference of opinion deadlocked the 1927 conference, when the French suggested a compromise which has a most important bearing at present, as it provides the category method with transfer of tonnage from one category to another after a year's notice.

The United States agreed to the compromise in 1929, because it recognised the tendency of smaller navies towards specialisation.

British Modifications.

The modifications which Britain has introduced into her programme of naval construction are referred to in a written reply to a Parliamentary question by Mr. Alexander. He said that British naval vessels deleted from the programme of 1929 and approved by Parliament, were two cruisers, including the eight-inch gun ship, four destroyers, one net-layer and target towing vessel, two sloops and three submarines. Whether the three remaining submarines in the programme would be proceeded with would be decided after the conclusion of the Naval Conference.

Mr. Alexander, in replies to other questions, said there are at present fifty-four British Empire cruisers built and four in an advanced stage of construction.

Yearly Savings.

Asked to state the saving to the naval estimates in each of the years 1930 to 1936, if replacements of battleships as provided by the Washington Treaty were deferred until 1936, Mr. Alexander said that, assuming the ships were of the maximum displacement allowed by the Treaty, namely, 35,000 tons, the estimated cost of building them which would be saved if none were laid down until the beginning of 1937 would be:—Next year, £1,080,000; 1932, £2,005,000; 1933, £1,050,000; 1934, £1,187,000; 1935, £12,035,000; and 1936, £10,370,000.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

WEEKLY BRIBES ALLEGED.

SHANTUNG POLICE ANSWER SERIOUS CHARGES.

DUPLICATE CHOPS.

A charge of being in possession of three duplicate police chops, three different counts of accepting weekly bribes from hawkers and an alternative charge of misconducting himself as a police officer, were brought against a Shantung Sergeant before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A Shantung constable was also brought before his Worship on a charge of accepting weekly bribes and of misconducting himself.

Mr. W. le Bart Sparrow, Assistant Superintendent of Police, prosecuted, and Mr. J. M. Remedios appeared for the Sergeant.

His Worship pointed out that the charges mentioned no definite sum and suggested the prosecution should consult the law officers in the framing of new charges so as to make it clear that he would not be trying a case which he had no power to do.

His Worship added that if the sum of money involved was over \$10 the case would have to be committed to the Sessions.

After some discussion as to bail and a sum of \$1,000 belonging to the Sergeant which the police now had in their possession, his Worship remanded both defendants till Wednesday next.

INSPECTOR'S WIFE ROBBED.

SNATCHER CAUGHT BY A EUROPEAN.

"Tell the gentleman it was a lucky that the lady's husband did not catch him; as it is, all he can get is 12 months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch," said Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, when there appeared before him a Chinese, who pleaded guilty to a charge of snatching a handbag from Mrs. Stewart Logan, wife of Inspector Logan, of the Mount Gough Police Station on January 29.

Inspector Logan said the man was caught in a lane near the St. Francis Hotel. After snatching the bag from Mrs. Logan, who was walking past the Cathedral, he ran down Battery Path. Mr. Peterson, of the P.W.D. gave chase and eventually caught him, but the man dropped the bag as he was running, and it was recovered.

THROWING FIREWORKS IN THE AIR.

CHINESE OFFENDERS FINED THIS MORNING.

Nearly a dozen Chinese appeared before Mr. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with throwing lighted fireworks into the air.

They all admitted the offence and were fined \$5 or seven days, the Magistrate pointing out the seriousness of their action by quoting an incident some years ago when a chauffeur driving a car was so blinded by the fireworks that he lost control of the vehicle, which ran up on to the pavement and killed four persons.



COMPETITION

GARRISON NEWS.

NEUTRALIA DUE HERE NEXT MONTH.

H. T. Neutralia, which left Southampton on January 19, is due to arrive in Hongkong on February 15. The following are among the officers on board, due for a tour of service in China.

Major J. H. Thom and W. Blagden, Royal Artillery; Major J. W. Malcolm, R.A.M.C.; Captain F. M. Turner, S.L.L.; and Captain F.S.S. Whittier, A.D. Corps. The foregoing will disembark at Hongkong.

Major Rowe, R.A.M.C., and Captain Turton, Green, Howards, will disembark at Shanghai. Major Mullaly, Indian Army, returns to his appointment as Brigadier Major, Bengal; and Major Baillie, R.A.M.C., and Captain MacCausland, Royal Scots, will also disembark at that Station. Amongst officers going home, or to other intermediate stations, when the Neutralia returns from Shanghai on February 28, are Colonel Fielding, A.D.M.S., China Command, Lt. Col. Robinson, R.A., Lt. Col. Cardew, R.A.O.C., D.A.D.Q.S., Hongkong Area, and Majors Cheyne, and Lucas, R.A.M.C. All the foregoing are being posted to the Home Establishment as are Major MacNair, R.A., and Major Doyle, R.E.

Major Armytage and Captain Otten, R.A., are being posted to Malta, and Captain Smith, R.A., to Gibraltar.

Football.

In a match in the Hongkong Area Football League at Happy Valley on Wednesday, "B" Company, K.O.S.B., defeated the combined R.E. and R. Signals team by two goals to one.

"B" Coy., K.O.S.B.—Westland; Downey, McMurdo; Aitcheson, Rennie, Torrens; Mills, McEwan, Anderson, Cook, Lorimer.

R. E. and R. Signals.—Penny; Gilloft, Perry; Dolling, Grosvenor, Moore; Higgins, Palmer, Cotton, Sabin, Monaghan.

The Borderers attacked from the kick-off and Lorimer headed in a goal from the wing in the first ten minutes. Play for a time was somewhat one-sided, the Engineers rarely penetrating beyond the half-way line. The whistle blew with no additional score.

Gilloft changed to inside-left on the resumption, and it made a difference to the Engineers' forward line. The game became more evenly contested, but both defences held out, until Anderson scored a further goal for the Borderers.

Navy Match.

In a China Fleet Football League match at Happy Valley on Wednesday, Bruce beat Sirdar, who are at the top of the table in the Second Division, by the only goal scored. Teams: Sirdar.—Steele; Luxton, Harness; Brinkman; Hobbs; Greenwood; Mitchell; Edwards, Welch, Holden, Horner.

Bruce.—Harnes; Miller, Parr; Hooper, Horner, Grubb; Hawes; Penrose, Potts, Joyce, Barrett.

There was no score in the first half. Exchanges were even in the opening minutes, though Bruce were the first to penetrate the defence, which, however, recovered, and cleared well, and an attack by Sirdar was later beaten off. A free-kick to Sirdar was sent behind the line.

Bruce soon commenced setting about the Sirdar defence in the first minutes of the second half, but Miller dropped back and cleared well. Further efforts in front of goal were erratic on the part of Bruce, but Potts opened the score. The game was mostly in favour of Bruce, who kept up their attacks, though without further score.

FRENCH COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT.

GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH BIG LOAN.

Paris, Jan. 30.

In the Chamber, the Colonial Minister announced the Government's intention of launching a Colonial Development Loan of Frs. 5,000,000,000.—*Reuter.*

LADY ROBBED IN KOWLOON.

PUSHED DOWN STEPS BY A SNATCHER.

THIEF SENTENCED.

On conviction of a charge of snatching a handbag from Mrs. A. Gibbons, of Empress Lodge, in Mody Road on Wednesday night, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and ordered to receive 24 strokes of the birch.

Mrs. Gibbons was walking along Mody Road on her way to Empress Lodge at about 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday when the defendant, approaching from behind, pushed her down a number of steps into a lane running off Mody Road. He snatched her handbag and ran away. An Indian constable who appeared on the scene in answer to her shout for assistance, gave chase but he failed to arrest the man.

Yesterday a District Watchman saw the defendant in a ricksha carrying a parcel and wearing a pair of spectacles. He was taken to the Station, as he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of the articles. The contents of the parcel were identified by Mrs. Gibbons, who also claimed the spectacles which the man was wearing.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended, January 30th, 1909.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.1/10d.

Mr. (now Sir) A.G.M. Fletcher was appointed to act as Assistant Colonial Secretary during the absence of Mr. (now Sir) Cecil Clement.

Mr. A. P. Marty, Consul for Spain in Hongkong, passed away.

On the 50th birthday of the Kaiser, a reception was held at the German Club, being attended by H.E. Sir Frederick Lugard, the Governor.

Mr. N. G. Nolan was appointed First Interpreter at the Magistracy in succession to Mr. Dyer Ball.

The Land Investment Co. paid an interim dividend of \$3.50, making \$7 for the year, whilst the Steamboat Company paid \$1.25 and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. \$4 per share.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH.

STRAITS CHINESE CHARGED THIS MORNING.

Arrested at the request of the Singapore Government on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of a sum of \$5,000, a Straits Chinese, appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, and was ordered a week's formal remand.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy said the Hongkong police received a telegram from the Singapore authorities requesting them to effect the arrest of the man, whose name was given as Lee Chin-leng, alias Lee Bun-cheong, alias Lee Ching-hong. The complainant was stated to be Peh Wah-kok.

Sub-Inspector Dorling gave evidence of arrest, saying that at 11 a.m. on January 29 he saw the defendant on the s.s. Takliwa which was berthed at No. 1 Wharf, Kowloon, and detained him.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 30.

Paris	123.95
New York	4.38 17/32
Brussels	34.985
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Milan	88.08
Berlin	20.85
Stockholm	18.125
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.21
Vienna	34.57
Prague	164.4
Helsingfors	194 1/2 (?)
Madrid	36.425
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	378
Bucharest	818
Rio	5 21/32
Buenos Aires	44 7/16
Romby	1.574
Shanghai and Hongkong, Holiday	
Yokohama	2/0 7/32
Silver Spot	20 1/2
Silver Forward	20 1/4

—British Wireless.

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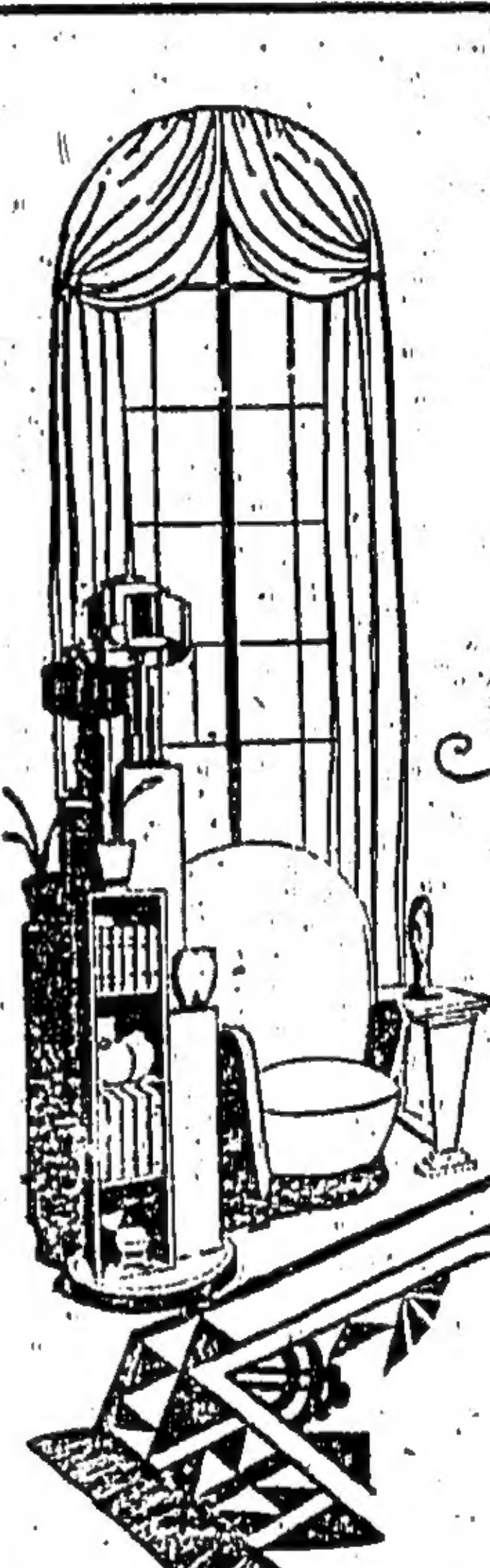
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

CHINESE SOCCER INTERPORT.

SENSATIONAL UPS AND DOWNS
YESTERDAY.

SUEN'S HAT-TRICK.

One of the most exciting games
seen in Hongkong for a long time
resulted from the meeting of South
China and Eastern China in yester-
day's "Interport soccer" match.
At half-time, no goals had been
scored. In the second half, Shang-
hai three times gained the lead, and
three times had it taken away.
Extra time was played. Shanghai,
or East China, again went ahead,
but close on time, Suen Kam-shun
scored his third goal of the day to
enable South China to fight another
day.

The match will probably be re-
played to-morrow, necessitating
the cancellation of the match with
the Navy to-day and the match
with the Rest of the Colony to-
morrow.

Li Wai-long was the big figure
in the Eastern China team. He
played brilliantly throughout, in
spite of the fact that Lam Yuk-
ying, the best half-back in the Chi-
nese team, was given the task of
shadowing him and was in excel-
lent form. Li Wai-long netted
three times, once from a penalty.

An extraordinary feature of the
game from a European point of
view was that the teams were al-
lowed to change players while the game
was in progress, and the local Chi-
nese made use of thirteen
or fourteen players. There was
a slight tendency to boisterous
play, but fortunately feeling did
not run high.

The defences were on top in
the first half, but the second half
was not many minutes old, when
Li Wai-long scored with a glorious
shot. Suen Kam-shun equalised
with an effort almost as good.

Li Wai-long, after some bright
individualism, again put "Shang-
hai" ahead, but during a melee
in the opposite goal area, Suen
Kam-shun found the net.

Ten minutes from the end, Tai
Lun-ling scored a third goal for
the visitors, and victory seemed
certain. They appeared to be
satisfied with their lead and made
the fatal error of playing a defen-
sive game.

Two minutes from the close, Ip
Pak-wa headed the equaliser.

In the extra time, a sensation
was provided by Leung Wing-chiu
handling in the penalty area. The
referee awarded a spot kick to
Shanghai without hesitation, and
Li Wai-long easily scored.

The second period of the extra
time was nearly over when Suen
Kam-shun made a brilliant effort
and again brought his side level.

THE SIM SHIELD.

ARMY BEAT HOCKEY CLUB
BY TWO GOALS.

In a fast game the Army beat the
Hongkong Hockey Club by the
margin of two goals in the Sim
Shield, the match being played on the
U. S. R. C. ground on Wednesday.

The Club took up the attack from
the start and were the first to score.
The Army broke away from a com-
bined attack and equalised with a
shot that gave the goalkeeper little
chance. They later made another
sudden rush upon the Club's goal and
were successful in taking the lead,
which they held until the interval.

On resuming, the Club kept up
their offensive tactics and were again
the first to register, thus bringing the
score level. On play being trans-
ferred to the Club quarter, the Army
succeeded in taking the lead, and
towards the end they pressed hard to
put the issue beyond doubt. After
several raids on the Club goal they
were met with success, the final
whistle going with the score standing
at four goals to two in their favour.

MARATHON RACE.

TO TAKE PLACE NEXT
MONTH.

Local sportsmen will be interest-
ed to learn that the third annual
Marathon Race, under the auspices
of the St. Peter's Church Young
Men's Club, is to be held on
February 15th.

The Committee, benefiting by
their experience in previous years,
have made the conditions such
that the success of the venture is
assured. In fact, it is expected
that this year's race will be the
best ever held.

The Marathon Race is now re-
garded as one of the premier ath-
letic events of the Colony, and there
is every expectation of an excellent
entry.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

CLUB AND UNITED SERVICES
IN KEEN MATCH.

OTHER FIXTURES.

On a pitch, which gave every
assistance to spin bowlers, the Hong-
kong Cricket Club and the United
Services began a two-days' match
yesterday, when cricket of a varying
nature was witnessed.

It was obvious from the sticky state
of the wicket in the morning that the
batmen would not find scoring very
easy, yet three players succeeded in
overcoming the conditions and bat-
ting in valiant style, turned the tide
first in favour of one side and then
the other.

Tam Pearce was the hero of the
Club, innings, his 70 out of a total
of 140, being one of the best pieces
of work he has ever accomplished.
From his initial entry to the wicket,
he revealed a sterling defence, yet
anything in the nature of a loose
ball, he punished severely. He was,
perhaps, at times a little slow, but
never did all his strokes, whether
defensive or scoring, being made with
the full face of the bat. He used
his feet well, and, getting his left
foot planted well across, met the ball
as early as possible. He went in at
a time when his side had lost three
wickets for 23 runs, but, thanks to
him, the Club finished up with the
respectable total of 140. Pearce hit
ten fours during his stay, and gave
no chance.

The two other outstanding batsmen
were Lieut. S. G. Wolfe-Barry and
Commander Barker, who turned the
tide so well for the United Services
that they finished the day 25 runs
ahead and a wicket in hand.

These two became associated when
eight of the Service wickets had been
lost for 85 runs, but so magnificently
did they bat, that before they had
been separated, they had carried the
score to 103, adding no less than 78
for the ninth wicket.

Neither took undue risks, yet by
playing the bowling on its merits,
they scored at a good pace. Both
drove with excellent judgment and
great strength, many of their forcing
shots on the off being the result of
perfect timing and foot-work. There
was a fine exhibition of clever batting
against disadvantages. The scores
were:

Hongkong C.C.			
E. R. Duckett, b Baker	20		
R. H. Batger, lb.w. Baker	0		
J. E. Richardson, st. Crane, b	4		
Wyatt	4		
H. Owen Hughes, b Munsion	7		
J. E. Pearce, st. Crane, b Munsion	49		
J. Armstrong, lb.w. Baker	1		
T. E. R. Mitchell, c Baker, b	1		
Wyatt	21		
G. Divett, c Baker, b Wyatt	0		
A. Reid, b Laslett	0		
A. C. Beck, c Crane, b Baker	0		
E. W. Hamilton, not out	0		
Extras	1		
Total	140		

Bowling.			
Commander Baker	O	M	R
A. B. Laslett	11	5	30
Lieut. Munsion	15	5	21
Lt. Col. Wyatt	15	2	44
Capt. Reynolds	5	1	14

United Services.			
Major R. H. Crane, b Beck	8		
Lieut. I. P. Wright, run out	0		
Capt. F. G. Sillitoe, c Mitchell, b	0		
Beck	0		
Lieut. A. H. Munsion, lb.w. Owen	33		
Hughes	4		
A. B. Laslett, b Reid	48		
Lieut. Col. Wyatt, b Reid	48		
Lieut. S. G. Wolfe-Barry, not out	11		
Capt. J. E. Reynolds, b Divett	11		
Lieut. D. P. Evans, c Owen	0		
Hughes, b Divett	0		
Commander F. C. Baker, b	38		
Duckett	0		
Sub. Lieut. C. L. Glass, not out	20		
Extras	8		
Total (9 wks.)	105		

At Pokfulam yesterday afternoon
the Club de Recreation were defeated by
the University by 110 runs. The
scores were:

University.			
K. T. Loke, c and b Souza	1		
C. Candah, lb.w. Souza	22		
A. A. Aziz, c Gutierrez, b Ogley	33		
A. B. Sulliman, c F. Barros, b	44		
Carvalho	44		
P. N. da Silva, b Pinna	43		
A. Chan Fook, c Barros, b Pinna	43		
F. Hipocloa, b Souza	0		
G. E. Yank, b Souza	0		
K. F. Can, not out	2		
A. T. Normanbhoy, lb.w. Carvalho	2		
P. L. Tan, lb.w. H. Alves	10		
Extras	10		
Total	179		

Bowling Analysis.			
Souza	O	M	R
Souza	18	4	39
H. Alves	9	5	12
Souza	3	1	17
Ogley	2	1	9
Lopes	2	1	7
Carvalho	8	1	18

Club de Recreation.

L. J. Gutierrez, b Chan Fook

H. A. Barros, c Hipocloa, b Chan

Fook

FANLING HUNT RACES.

SIX-RACE PROGRAMME FOR
SUNDAY.

(By "Ringtail").

The Fanling Hunt and Race
Club will be conducting their
Chinese New Year meeting at
Kwanti racecourse next Sunday
afternoon, the first race to
commence at 3 p.m. sharp. The
usual facilities for transport
are available and as the course is
at present in fine condition, owing
to the recent rains, I am certain
that patrons are in for a capital
afternoon's sport.

Owing to the success of the open
country events for ponies confined
to hunts, etc., the Club has wisely
included two of these events in
Sunday's programme. The course
will be practically the same as last
season and will commence in front
of the water jump and finish up
the straight of the course proper.
The distance for these special
events is about eight miles, and if
they approach anything like last
year's contest racegoers will have
nothing to complain about.

Dr. Reidy, who has returned
from Australia, will again appear
in the saddle and fans who ap-
preciate his wonderful ability over
the sticks will doubtless be as
strong for him as was customary
before he went on leave.

I have been assured by Mr. W.
Stanton, the racing manager of
the Club, that the jumps have been
improved on and everything has
been done for the comfort of pa-
trons.

In the Fat Choy Stakes, nine
entries have been received and
they are positively the pick of our
steepchase ponies. Four winners
are included in the bunch and the
remainder consist of ponies who
have regularly performed at Fan-
ling with more or less success.

The Fox Hunters Cup is an open
country race over a distance of
about 8 miles and all competitors
will carry 168 lbs. There are nine
entries for this event, which I am
sure will produce an exciting
finish.

The Chinese New Year Cup is a
handicap event for ponies who
have won races and been placed
since the start of the current ses-
son. Montana Target, Christmas
Frolic and As You Like It are in-
cluded in this entry, which con-
sists of eight entries.

The Midwinter Handicap con-
tains eleven entries headed by Tar-
get, who receives 174 lbs. Chris-
mas Frolic and Samaritan sharing
second top weight with 168 lbs.

The Lightweight Fox Hunters
Cup should produce a wonderful
race as there is a wonderful en-
try amongst which are Hunting-
ton, Mowgli, Target, Social Mark,
Caviare, Fanling Stag, Buster,
Lightning, Movanger, Sheila and
Brown Eve. All these ponies are
fine in the country and I can pro-
phesy a most exciting finish.

The February Maidens will prob-
ably go to one of these whom I
have mentioned, in case they are
not sent to the post in earlier en-
gagements. There are twelve en-
tries in this event and as the dis-
tance is only a medium one, this
field should return one of the best
races of the meeting.

On Saturday the Telegraph will
contain my selections.

CRICKET.

UNITED SERVICES TO MEET
HONGKONG C.C.

The following will represent the
United Services to-day and Friday on
the Hongkong C.C. ground, play start-
ing at 11 a.m.—Major R. H. Crane,
K.O.B. (Captain), Lt. Col. F. J.
Wyatt, R.E. Capt. J. E. Reynolds
(Punjab), Lt. A. H. Munsion (Royal
Artillery), Lt. J. G. Wolfe-Barry,
(Royal Artillery), Sergeant F. Lench
(Royal Artillery), Commander F. C.
Baker, R.N. (H.M.S. "Petersfield"),
Lieutenant D. P. Evans, R.N. (H.M.S.
"Kent"), Able Seaman F. Laslett,
(H.M.S. "Petersfield"), Commander
E. G. Stanley (H.M.S. "Marazion"),
Lieutenant J. P. Wright, R.N. (Kai
Tak).

Umpire: Lieut. C. Cobb, R.N.
(H.M.S. "Petersfield").
Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI v. University.
The following will represent the
Hongkong C.C. second eleven in a
League match against the University
on Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground.
—W. W. Mackenzie, J. R. Collis, R. K.
Heppburn, R. M. Wood, J. H. Ashworth,
R. H. Dowler, J. H. Way, K. A.
Batger, S. J. Stanbury, C. E.
Gahagan and H. J. Armstrong.

H. A. Alves, c Sub, b Tan	28		
M. P. Plaza, b Chan Fook	15		
D. F. Lupton, c Loke, b Chan Fook	0		
F. H. Carvalho, b Chan Fook	0		
P. Souza, c Tan, b Aziz	4		
W. Ogley, b Normanbhoy	11		
C. M. Souza, c Candah, b Tan	0		
H. H. Noronha, b Tan	0		
F. G. Barros, not out	7		
Extras	7		
Total	60		

Bowling Analysis.

Hipocloa

Chan Fook

Aziz

Tan

Normanbhoy

TENNIS TOURNEY.

DATES FOR THE FIRST
ROUND MATCHES.

The committee in charge of the
tennis tournament which opens next
month at the Hongkong C.C. have
fixed dates for the first and second
round matches in all the competitions.
Below are given the dates for the
open events:

Open Singles.

Feb. 10th (Monday):—A. H. Crook
v E. Zimmerman; F. Grose v Ho Ka-
lau; Y. Sakiki v Capt. E. C. Ethering-
ton; T. Honda v H. Lo.

Feb. 11th (Tuesday):—D. S. Green
v A. H. Johnson; Y. Hachuma v
Yow Man-Kit.

Feb. 12th (Wednesday):—A. L.
Sullivan v Cheng Chi-wing; H. Y. Ho
v Ng See-cheong; H. D. Rumjahn v
F. A. Redmond; S. A. Rumjahn v
A. D. Humphreys.

Feb. 13th (Thursday):—F. H.
Kwek v Y. J. Khan; W. C. Hung v
P. W. J. Plummer.

Feb. 14th (Friday):—M. W. Lo v
Luk Kang-cheong; E. W. Liang v
T. C. Monaghan; A. E. Cassumbhoy
v M. K. Lo; J. Barrow v H. Yoshida.

Feb. 17th (Monday):—Luk Ding-
cheong v D. Mohamed; S. E. Green v
Wong Fuk-nam; H. Owen Hughes v
E. F. Fincher; F. Akeyama v Kong
Too-cheung.

Feb. 18th (Tuesday):—E. C. Fincher
v Mok Hing-kung; H. C. Gould v
Chin Chuh-chin.

Feb. 19th (Wednesday):—S. A.
Gray v G. H. W. Churchill; Lee Hsu-
ngak v Ng See-kwong; F. J. Remedios
v I. M. A. Razack.

Open Doubles.

Feb. 10th (Monday):—E. W. Liang
and F. H. Kwek v W. C. Hung and
Cheng Chi-wing; Li Wai-tai and Li
Woon-tai v H. V. Parker and A.
Morris.

Feb. 11th (Tuesday):—I. Forster
and Dr. Montgomery v M. K. Lo and
M. W. Lo; C. Cho and H. Lo v Ng
See-kwong and Ng See-cheong.

Feb. 12th (Wednesday):—Luk
Kang-cheong and Luk Ding-cheong v
F. Y. Khoo and T. K. Lion; Lieut.
Col. Wyatt and Dr. L. T. Ride v
F. J. Remedios and H. A. Barros.

Feb. 13th (Thursday):—J. Barrow
and B. M. Macdonnell v Kong Too-
cheung and Ho Ka-lau; E. Zimmerman
and A. B. Hanson v S. A. and H. D.
Rumjahn.

Feb. 14th (Friday):—S. E. and D.
S. Green v Ho Wai-hing and Chu
Tsun-chiu; H. Owen Hughes and A.
D. Humphreys v Y. Sakiki and Y.
Hachuma.

Feb. 17th (Monday):—O. E. C.
Marion and H. J. Armstrong v F. A.
Redmond and A. L. Sullivan; T. C.
Monaghan and B. G. Gargor v C. A. L.
Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbhoy.

Feb. 18th (Tuesday):—G. W.
Sowell and J. S. McEachran v Feros
Ali and Firdos Khan; H. Yoshida and
T. Yamada v Dr. D. J. Valentine and
A. H. Crook.

Feb. 19th (Wednesday):—Yew
Man-Kit and F. Grose v T. Honda and
T. Akeyama.

Club Championship.

Feb. 10th (Monday):—A. D.
Humphreys v P. W. J. Plummer.

Feb. 11th (Tuesday):—F. A. Red-
mond v J. Barrow.

Feb. 12th (Wednesday):—R. M.
Wood v T. C. Monaghan.

Feb. 13th (Thursday):—A. H.
Block v H. V. Parker.

Feb. 14th (Friday):—A. L. Sullivan
v D. M. Macdonnell.

Feb. 17th (Monday):—W. H. Le
Sueur v Dr. D. J. Valentine.

Feb. 18th (Tuesday):—Dr. L. T.
Ride v H. J. Armstrong.

Feb. 19th (Wednesday):—A. H.
Crook v Capt. E. C. Etherington.

Feb. 20th (Thursday):—B. I. A.
Lennox v J. A. Summers.

Feb. 21st (Friday):—G. H. W.
Churchill v H. Owen Hughes.

Feb. 27th (Thursday):—O. E. C.
Marion v T. J. Price.

Feb. 28th (Friday):—H. Nijhoff v
I. S. Harris.

Mar. 8th (Conday):—C. De Bruijn
v I. Forster.

SETTLING THE POINT IN GOLF



Dropping The Ball.

In dropping a ball, the player
must face the hole toward which
he is playing and drop the ball
behind him over his shoulder. The
penalty for a breach of this rule
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S.E. ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SCHEME.
BRITISH MATERIALS TO BE USED.

The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductors insulators, and other accessories.

The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

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H.E.'S DEPARTURE.

THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SATURDAY.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi have arranged to leave for Singapore, where His Excellency is proceeding to take up the duties of his new appointment, by the s.s. Mantua, sailing at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 1st February.

His Excellency will arrive at Queen's Pier at 11.15 a.m., where he will be met by two Guards of Honour supplied by the Royal Navy and the 2nd Battalion of K.O.S.B. and by a number of the leading representatives of the various Communities, including members of the Legislative Council, Navy, Army, Civil Departments, Consular Representatives and Chinese Community, to whom special invitations have been issued. A space will be reserved at the pier for guests so invited and a limited space will be available for the general public. Those who wish to be present there should be in position not later than 11.00.

On His Excellency's departure the usual salutes will be fired both by the Navy and the Army and the Troops at Lyceum entrance will parade and cheer him on his way.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., will assume the Administration on His Excellency's departure and will take the oaths of office in the Council Chamber, the oaths being administered by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the presence of the members of Executive and Legislative Councils.

OVERTIME IN INDIA.

NO BOYS UNDER AGE IN GENERAL MOTORS.

Bombay, Jan. 29. It is now pointed out that Mr. G. K. Seers and Mr. E. C. Richards were not charged with permitting boys under age to work overtime, but were charged with permitting adult males to work overtime.

On the latter charge they were fined fifty rupees each on thirty cases under the Factories Act a few days ago. Mr. E. C. Richards is the production manager of General Motors (India) Limited, and Mr. Seers is the managing director of the firm. The latter told a Renter representative that General Motors do not employ boys under age in their factories.—Renter.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR THE OLD COURSE.

The following starting times have been drawn for the old course at Fanling during the holidays:—

9.00 a.m.—Dr. Dorey, J. Morris.
9.08 a.m.—C. B. Riggs, J. Thayer.
9.20 a.m.—Reserved.
9.28, 9.32, 9.36 a.m.—Interport Foursomes.

9.40 a.m.—A. C. Meredith, R. W. Taplin.
9.44 a.m.—J. M. Walker, A. B. Raworth.
9.48 a.m.—G. W. Garret, H. Graves.
9.52 a.m.—D. S. Edward, F. Forbes.
9.56 a.m.—L. G. S. Dodwell, C. E. Holmes.

10.00 a.m.—N. K. Littlejohn, C. Mycock.
10.04 a.m.—S. T. Badin, G. W. Sewell.
10.08 a.m.—S. S. Perry, A. G. Coppin.
10.12 a.m.—N. M. Curtis, E. M. Bryden.

10.16 a.m.—W. Stewart, D. S. Robb.
10.20 a.m.—G. E. Costello, J. P. Warren.
10.24 a.m.—B. H. Wild, J. P. Sherry.
10.28 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries, F. H. Crapnell.

10.32 a.m.—W. D. Harris, W. J. Manning.
10.36 a.m.—P. S. Cassidy, F. Austin.
10.40 a.m.—E. O. Priestley, W. C. Shields.
10.44 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield, H. D. Browne.

10.48 a.m.—C. B. Johnson, T. G. Bennett.
10.52 a.m.—J. MacKnight, T. C. Monaghan.
10.56 a.m.—A. T. Lay, I. H. Geare.
11.00 a.m.—D. Black, W. G. Lorimer.

11.04 a.m.—L. R. Andrews, J. S. S. MacLaren.
11.08 a.m.—E. P. Streetfield, N. H. Procter.
11.12 a.m.—M. G. Mills, R. P. Moodie.
11.16 a.m.—C. J. D. Law, H. V. Parker.

11.20 a.m.—J. C. Clark, B. J. L'acon.
11.24 a.m.—O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
11.28 a.m.—A. F. Judd, M. B. Mathews.

Sunday.
9.04 a.m.—J. B. Lanyon, C. B. Riggs.
9.28 a.m.—Reserved.
9.28 to 9.48 a.m.—Interport Shanghai v. Hongkong.

9.52 a.m.—R. K. Valetine, L. G. S. Dodwell.
9.56 a.m.—W. J. Clerk, R. P. Moodie.
10.00 a.m.—R. A. Green, M. G. Mills.
10.04 a.m.—J. W. Alabaster, J. P. Collis.

10.08 a.m.—J. MacKnight, H. Hampton.

"REDS" SCHEMING.

FUNDS TO FINANCE WORLD OUTBREAKS.

Riga, Jan. 29. A resolution urging the speeding up of the revolution abroad was passed at the Central Council of the Red Trade Union, the motion declaring that the time has come to carry out a great offensive in co-plotting the unemployed as the most valuable revolutionary medium.

The Council also decided that an international fund must be established immediately to finance strikes and revolutionary outbreaks, particularly in Australia, India, South Africa, the Philippines, Cuba and Peru.—Renter.

10.12 a.m.—J. D. Thompson, W. S. Hillier.
10.16 a.m.—W. Wright, W. N. Fleming.
10.20 a.m.—J. P. Sherry, A. B. Purves.
10.24 a.m.—A. Sommerfeld, C. B. Brown.

10.28 a.m.—C. Thwaites, D. Smith.
10.32 a.m.—D. H. Passmore, A. B. Raworth.
10.36 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.40 a.m.—J. Forbes, F. Austin.

10.44 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield, W. A. Cornell.
10.48 a.m.—T. G. Bennett, G. Minkin.
10.52 a.m.—H. G. Eales, J. Thayer.
10.56 a.m.—W. D. Harris, F. M. Ellis.

11.00 a.m.—E. P. Streetfield, M. B. Mathews.
11.04 a.m.—R. K. Hepburn, H. Spicer.
11.08 a.m.—E. Lewis, A. T. Lay.
11.12 a.m.—E. des Voeux, F. A. Redmond.

11.16 a.m.—W. L. Alexander, G. R. Horridge.
11.20 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman, H. U. Ireland.
11.24 a.m.—C. Mycock, I. H. Geare.
11.28 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries, N. K. Littlejohn.

11.32 a.m.—T. S. Whyte Smith, A. O. Brown.
11.36 a.m.—O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
11.40 a.m.—A. Webster, J. S. Dykes.
11.44 a.m.—J. S. Drummond, E. M. Bryden.

11.48 a.m.—E. Kern, B. J. L'acon.
11.52 a.m.—W. J. S. Key, S. T. Butler.
11.56 a.m.—E. S. Edward, G. B. S. Thompson.
12.00 p.m.—W. A. Stewart, W. G. Lorimer.

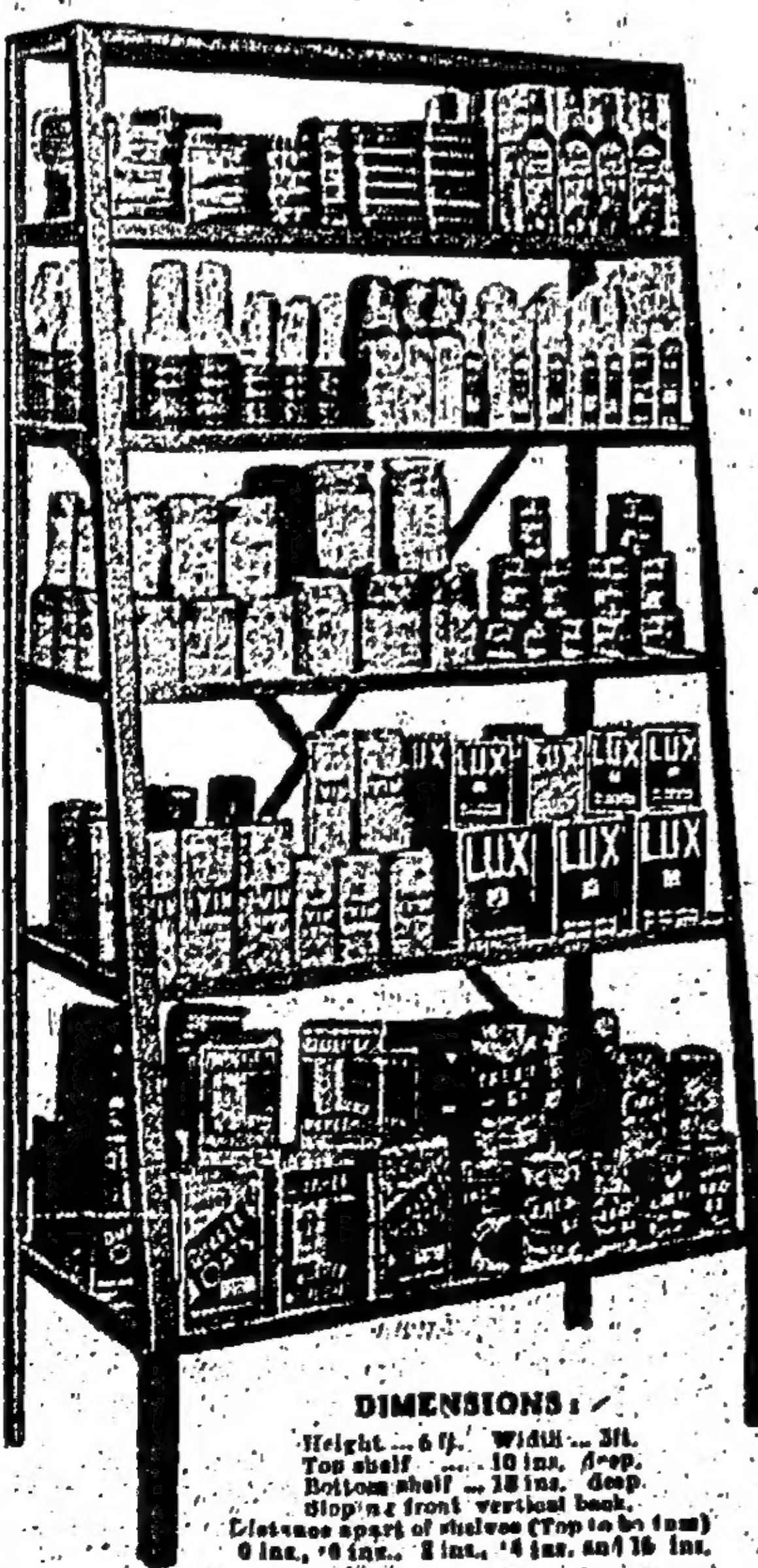
12.04 p.m.—S. S. Perry, D. Ellis.
12.08 p.m.—L. Yates, G. E. Ellams.
12.12 p.m.—D. M. Goodall, A. R. Cox.
12.16 p.m.—Capt. Grant, A. Piercy.

12.20 p.m.—A. H. Penn, F. Syme.
12.24 p.m.—A. Leach, D. M. Beavis.
12.28 p.m.—J. M. Walker, D. J. Gilmore.

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ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 5/30. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieutenant Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Departure of His Excellency the Governor.

The Armoured Car Company, both Sections, will act as personal escort on 1st February, separate instruction will be issued to O. C. Company direct.

Musketry Table T Rifle Parts I & II.

The Machine Gun Company will fire this course at Stonecutters on Sunday, 2nd February. Range Officer 2/Lieut. D. M. Richards. Dress: uniform or mufli. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9.00 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Sergeants' Mess.

A Sergeants' Mess meeting will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 6th February.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th February in mufli for Band Practice.

The Battery.

Parade at Headquarters for training at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 7th February.

Corps Signal.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6th, for Buzzar Practice. Dress: Mufli.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6th for Machine Gun instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Parade at Headquarters on Saturday, February 1st, 1930 at 10 a.m. Dress: Review Order.

Royal Tank Corps. Cap, Tunic, Breeches, Puttees, Boots, Bandolier, Belt, Rifle (no Bayonet) and Greatcoat. Medals will be worn.

A full attendance at this parade is requested.

Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th February for Machine Gun Training.

Musketry Table "T." The Company will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 2nd, launch leaving Queen's Pier at 9.00 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.20 a.m. Range Officer 2/Lt. D. M. Richards.

Dress: mufli or uniform optional with braces and pouches.

Scottish Company.

Parade Thursday, 6th February, 1930 for M.G. instruction.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Portuguese Company.

Parade. There will be no Parade on Friday, January 31st. The next parade will be held at Headquarters on Friday, February 7th at 5.30 p.m.

Rifles. It has been reported that some Rifles have been returned to Corps Stores in a dirty condition. This practice must cease at once.

All Rifles not yet returned to Corps Stores must be returned immediately in a clean condition.

Struck Off the Strength.

No. 1525 Pte. G. C. Jorge, No. 9 Platoon, is permitted to resign as from 10.1.30.

Leave.

Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C., No. 10 Platoon, returned from leave as from 20.1.30 and is placed on light duty till further orders.

No. 1084 L/Cpl. H. L. Lockhart, Engineer Company, from 1.2.30 to 30.1.30.

No. 1381 L/Cpl. B. T. Goano, No. 10 Platoon, from 28.1.30 to 10.2.30.

No. 959 Pte. A. A. dos Remedios, No. 9 Platoon, from 28.1.30 to 10.2.30.

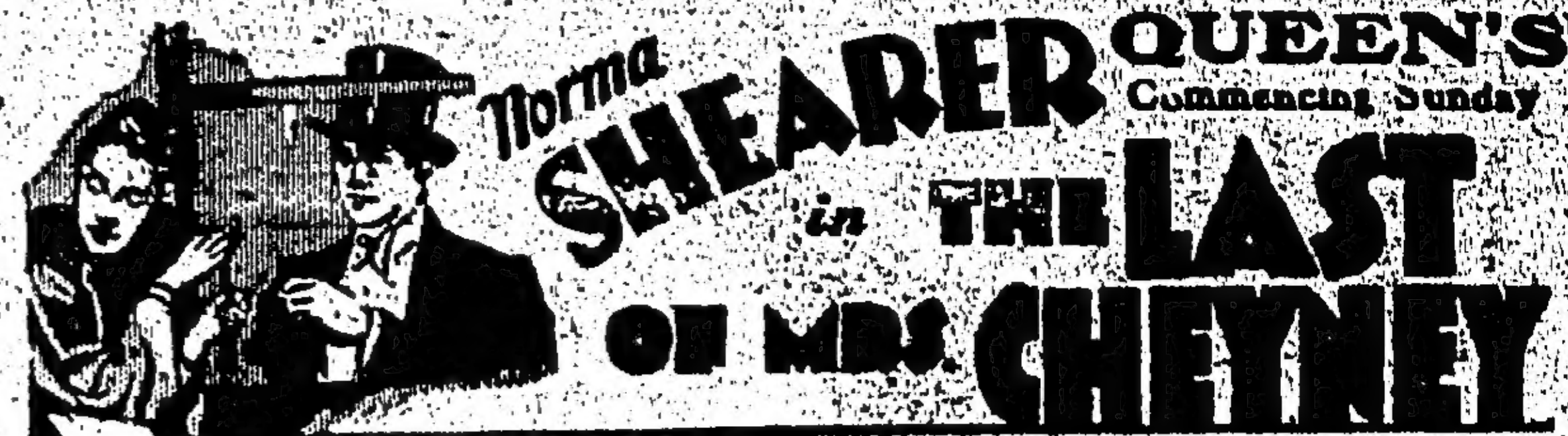
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DOCKYARD OFFICER.

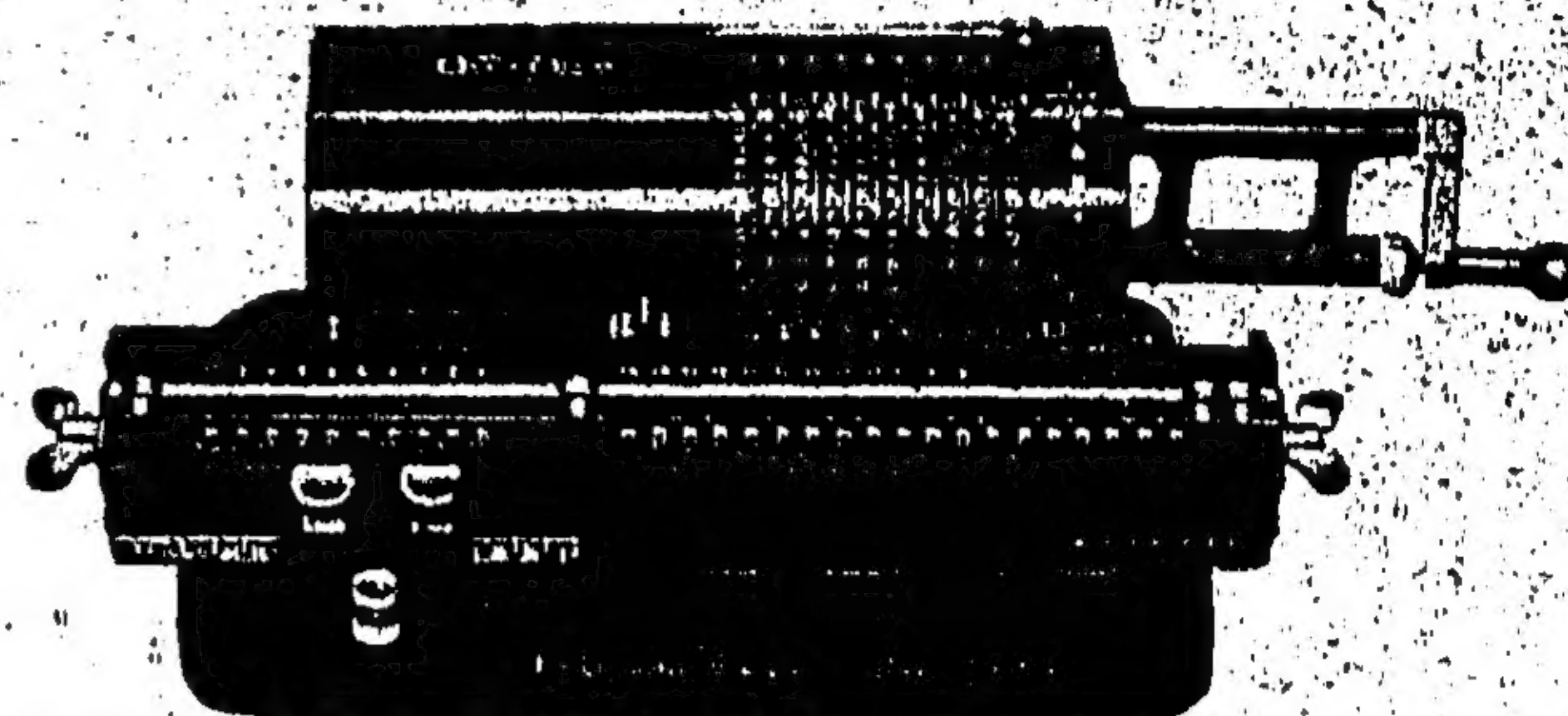
PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. G. R. MOORE.

The Dockyard Recreation Club was the scene of a pleasant function on Wednesday evening, when Mr. G. R. Moore, of the Expense Accounts Department, was the recipient of a handsome silver teaset, elegantly decorated with scenes of Chinese life in relief. The presentation was made by Mr. C. C. Telfer, Assistant Expense Accounts Officer, while Mr. Bickford, Chief Clerk, Constructive Department, presided. Both paid tributes to the official capabilities and the sociability of Mr. Moore, who suitably responded. Mr. Longyear presided at the piano. Mr. Jacobson gave renderings on the violin, and Messrs. Annie and Beer sang.

Mr. Moore, who has spent three years in the Colony this time, and was also here from 1920 to 1923, was also the recipient of a blackwood tray, inlaid with a Chinese seascape in silver from the Officers and staff of the Expense Accounts Department. He leaves for England on the Mantua on Saturday.



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APPLICATION BY CHINA OIL CORPORATION.

An application for an extension of time for shares of the China Oil Corporation Limited to be filed was made to the Chief Justice on Wednesday in the Supreme Court by Mr. Hing Shing Lo, who appeared for the applicant, Mr. Lo Shu-kai, managing director of the China Oil Corporation.

Making the application, Mr. Lo said the company, a private one, was incorporated on December 28, 1923. The first 60 shares of \$100 each were allotted on April 10, 1929, and filed on May 11, 1929. The company had a nominal capital of \$200,000 and on September 20, 1929, 317 shares were issued. At that time the applicant was away from the Colony and on his return found that the shares had not been duly filed.

Counsel submitted that non-filing was an accident due to inadvertence and asked for an extension of time for the shares to be filed.

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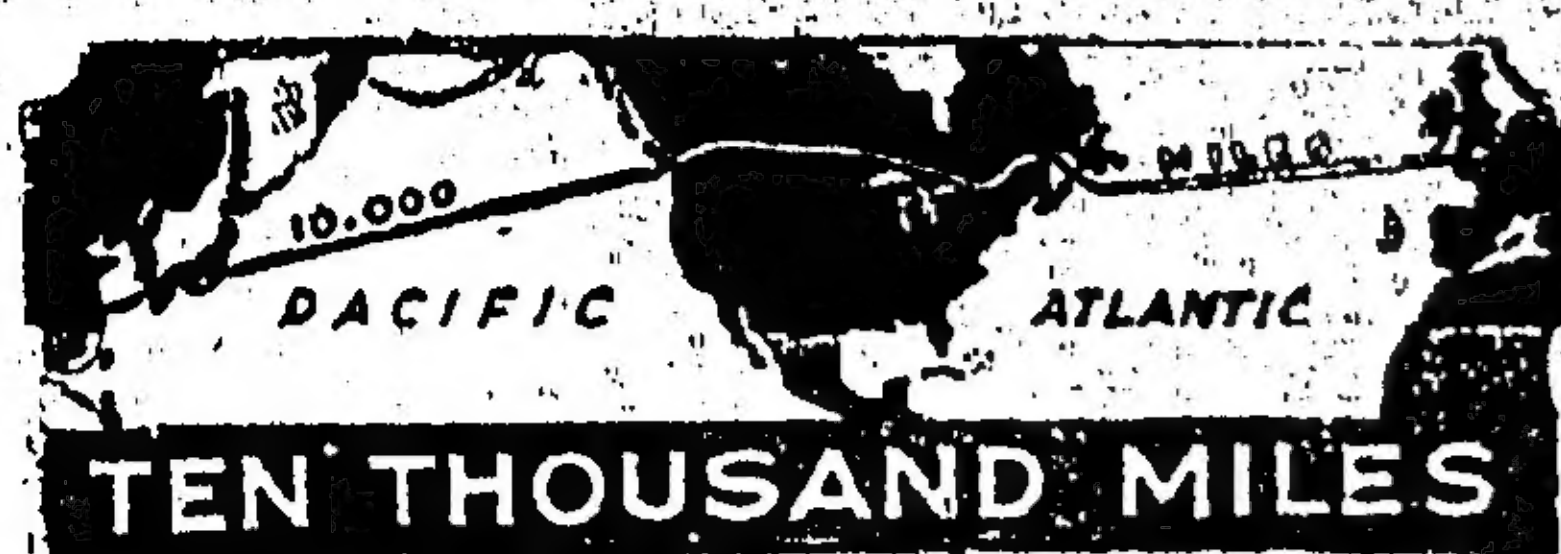


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The band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"I think of What You Used to Think Of Me," (Turk, Hanley & Lyman).

"Like The-Beg Fota De," (Lank), Gracie Fields.

"The Waltz Dream"—Selection, (O. Strauss), De Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra.

5.30 p.m. Children's Programme. Aunt Letty, Aunt Madge and Uncle Jack will entertain the kiddies.

6.00 p.m. Chinese programme.

7.00-8.00 p.m. Dance Programme. (Victor recordings).

9.00 p.m. Studio Concert.

(1) Trio. Suite for Violin, Viola and Piano (Frank Bridge).

(By Request).

Misses C. and J. Braga and Mr. J. Braga.

(2) Song. Nymphs and Fawns (Bramberg). Mrs. Scott Little.

(3) Dick Barry and a Piano.

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EXTRALITY CASE.

STORY OF OFFICERS' ARREST.

Further details are to hand regarding the circumstances of the arrest of Paymaster Commander McBride, at Hankow, following a motor accident in which a Chinese boy was killed, and which has given rise to what is being treated as the first test case following Nanking's edict "abolishing" extra-territorial rights of foreigners.

It is reliably reported that the accident was quite unavoidable. The naval officer was driving a motor car in the ex-German Concession, being accompanied by his wife. The Chinese boy was riding a bicycle and had a slight collision with a ricksha which caused him to swerve across the road, right in front of the on-coming car. The boy was knocked down and badly injured, dying from his injuries a short while later.

New Instructions.

The officer was arrested by a Chinese constable and taken to the Chinese police station in the ex-German Concession. Here he was kept, but upon news of the affair reaching the British Consulate, one of the consular staff went to the Police Station and requested the officer's release for consular action, as has been customary in the past. He was informed, however, that under the new instructions, this could not be done as all such cases had to be reported to the Bureau of Public Safety, which has its headquarters in the Chinese native city. As a matter of fact, the Bureau had already been notified by telephone and had requested that the prisoner should be taken there. After further messages had passed between the Police Station and the Bureau, the naval officer, in the company of a British consular official, went to the Bureau.

A Reasonable Mayor.

In the meantime, the British Consul-General, who had been informed of the matter, was fortunate enough to find the Mayor of Hankow, who is in the office in the ex-Russian Concession. The Mayor was apparently quite agreeable to the naval officer's release, on the understanding that he would give a guarantee not to leave Hankow until the case had been settled. Meanwhile, the officer and consular official at the Bureau had been informed that the new law must take its course and they were requested to go to the police court for the purpose of fixing up bail. This request, although repeatedly made by the Bureau, was refused. The consular official pointed out that to detain a British naval officer at the very moment when extraterritoriality negotiations were being conducted at Nanking might be of serious consequences and not likely to help those negotiations. The Bureau officials were also apparently impressed by the fact that to make an incident concerning a British naval officer the first test case, would be undesirable.

It was eventually decided to consult the Mayor and after this had been done, the naval officer was allowed to proceed home, some three hours after the accident had occurred.

It was perhaps fortunate that the Mayor was so easily accessible, as if there had been only subordinate officials to deal with they would have acted literally upon Nanking's edict and refused to release the officer from illegal custody.

PIGS PILED UP.

SKIPPER OF WING LEE FINED FOR CRUELTY.

Capt. Jose Antunes, master of the s.s. Wing Lee, appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on Wednesday on a charge of causing unavoidable and needless cruelty to a number of pigs on board his ship. It was explained that the pigs were stacked in a space of 12 feet by 20 feet and were in layers of four. The pigs in the middle of the mass could not possibly be fed or get fresh air. In some of the crates there were two animals, while other crates had fallen off the stack and were in all positions.

The defendant stated that the pigs were only three deep, while he did not know that some of them had fallen off the pile.

His Worship said that it was absurd to transport pigs in layers of three. He considered it was definite cruelty.

The defendant said that those were his instructions, and pigs were always carried in that way.

His Worship said that it may be that his company were at fault, but that had nothing to do with his Worship.

The defendant said that the commodore of the ship looked after the animals during the voyage from Kwong Chow Wan.

His Worship pointed out that the defendant was responsible for the management of the ship.

Sergeant Wyman said that there were over 200 pigs altogether, and none of the crates which were visible had matted.

Addressing the defendant his Worship said that the point was that he would have to refuse such cargoes if he had no room on his ship.

In reply to his Worship the defendant said that the pigs were fed during the voyage, causing his Worship to remark that he could not imagine how the pigs could be fed if piled up in the manner described. On the defendant's admission that the pigs were three deep, his Worship said that he had no hesitation in convicting.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

MINISTER LEAVES.

SIR MILES LAMPSON ON H.M.S. HERMES.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, accompanied by his young son Graham and his staff, left Hongkong for Nanking on Tuesday, on H.M.S. Hermes.

We learn that Master Graham Lampson, who had been under observation at the Peak Hospital for meningitis, was declared free from infection on Monday and rejoined his father, who was staying at Headquarters House.

Sir Miles Lampson, having decided to return to Nanking to resume his discussions with Dr. C. T. Wang on the question of extraterritoriality, has made the journey north by H.M.S. Hermes, which has been ordered to Nanking.

In addition to the subject of "extraterritoriality" we understand that the question of the rendition of Weihaiwei is also to be discussed, there being a distinct likelihood of an agreement being reached.

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HAICHING GRILLS NOT UNLOCKED.

SUGGESTED MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OFFICERS.

ACCESS FOR PIRATES.

Wednesday's proceedings of the Haiching piracy prosecution at the Central Magistracy before Mr. Hamilton produced some interesting evidence, when Mr. E. Kewell, the second engineer, advanced a theory as to how the pirates gained access to the starboard alleyways, from whence they launched their attacks upon the bridge.

His testimony also showed that there had been some misunderstanding in the Engine Room, as to who was in charge of the keys of the bunker hatches and bulkhead grilles. Captain Farrar, who was present in court, told the magistrate that he had issued standing orders relating to any attempted piracy which had been signed by all the officers, but Mr. Kewell said that he had not seen the orders and had never signed them himself.

Mr. Robert Perry, Chief Officer of the Haiching said that he was awakened about 1.10 a.m. on December 8, by shouts and shots being fired from the starboard alleyway directly outside his room. He got up and looked out of his door to see what the disturbance was all about and saw nine or ten Chinese in the alleyway. One of these was armed with what looked like a service revolver, and he was brandishing it over his head. He could see to the end of the alleyway, and noticed that the after-grille was closed. He then took his revolver out of his drawer and immediately proceeded to make his way to the bridge. He was in his pyjamas at the time. When he reached the port ladder, which led up to the boat deck, he was confronted by a Chinese, who shot at and wounded him. The bullet entered the top part of his left thigh and travelled through to the top of his spine. He then shot the pirate, who collapsed on the deck, apparently dead. Witness proceeded to the bridge, where he found Captain Farrar, the second officer and an Indian guard. A few minutes later the chief engineer arrived and was followed by Mr. Woodward, who stumbled on to the bridge severely wounded. The third and second engineer followed, the time elapsing from when he was awakened to when the last of the officers gained the bridge, being about ten minutes. The pirates were still in the starboard alleyway, and they made several unsuccessful attempts to come up on to the boat deck and to try and take the bridge, this being because the defenders on the bridge had control of that area.

The Fire Amidships.
The firing continued until shortly before 2 a.m. when the second officer drew witness' attention to the fact that the pirates had set his cabin alight. The fire gained rapidly and as there was a store room next to his cabin, containing paint and other things, it was, given every assistance. After about twenty minutes the fire became so bad, that it was found that nothing further could be gained by staying on the bridge, and the party retreated to the boat deck. They took Mr. Woodward down with them. He was not unconscious, as he replied to them several times when they spoke to him. On arrival on the boat deck they had a skirmish with three pirates, in the course of which one was killed. By that time the fire had gained such a hold amidships that there was no possible chance of anyone stopping there, and for that reason the crew were able to come up to the

boat deck unmolested by the pirates. They ordered the sailors to put water on the deck and then the Captain told them to make ready the lifeboats. Witness was put in charge of No. 1 boat and into this they put Mr. Woodward. His (witness's) wound was giving him a little trouble then, but he was still able to carry on. Shortly before 4 a.m. Mr. Woodward died, and at daylight the H.M.S. Stirling came up. Witness transferred the passengers he had picked up to the Stirling, and then had to have his wound dressed as it was becoming rather painful.

Grilles Not Locked.
Mr. E. Kewell, the second engineer said he was awakened about 1 a.m. on December 8, by the ship's siren and the firing of shots. He went to the third officer's cabin, but found that he was not there. He then went forward through the well deck and on to the bridge, where he saw Mr. Woodward who was badly wounded. He subsequently took part in the defence of the ship.

Mr. L. R. Andrews (for the prosecution):—Have you any theory to advance as to how the pirates gained admission past the grilles?—Yes, through the bunkers. Do you think they came from the 'tween decks?—From the passengers in the 'tween decks. They gained admission through the bunker hatches.

What are the dimensions of the hatches?—The two hatches are about 2 feet 6 inches square, and there are two man-holes of the ordinary size, about 18 inches in diameter. And are the hatches secure against pirates?—They are intended to be secure by grilles and locking bars. Where are the keys kept?—In the engine room, near the writing desk. Is any officer in particular in charge of these keys?—I think myself and the Chief Engineer. In reply to other questions, Mr. Kewell said that he had had orders from the chief engineer to see that the grilles, hatches and man-holes were locked in a general way, but they had no written orders about this when the boat left port.

Captain's Orders.
Capt. Farrar interposed and said:—I think your Worship, that the witness does not quite understand the point. I issued standing orders to the officers and engineers stating that the chief engineer was responsible for locking the doors of the engine room and hatches. The Magistrate (to Mr. Kewell):—You were on watch when you left port. Did you consider it your duty to make yourself personally acquainted to see if the grilles, hatches and man-holes were locked?—No, I did not regard that as one of my duties, neither did I regard it as any other officer's duty. The last time he saw the bunker hatches was at Amoy, the day before the piracy, and they were locked, although the grilles were not locked.

After the witness had replied to further interrogations concerning this, Mr. Hamilton said "I don't think we will bother any more. It is perfectly obvious that these grilles never were locked. I think Mr. Kewell has only a vague idea about it. Mr. Andrews:—The cook is going to say that it was not an unusual sight to see the grilles and bunker hatches open. Mr. Kewell:—Quite right. I say the same thing. Captain Farrar said that he twice issued standing orders, which every officer signed. Mr. Kewell said he never signed them. Captain Farrar said he always understood the chief engineer kept the keys. The Magistrate said it appeared there was some sort of misunderstanding in the engine room.

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Captain Farrar emphasised that his standing orders were very explicit.

Orders a Year Ago.

Mr. A. F. Johnson, the second officer, was the next witness, and he said that he was on watch on the bridge, with two quartermasters, when the boat was attacked shortly after 1 a.m. He heard a disturbance coming from the starboard alleyway, and as he shouted out "What is the matter?" two shots were fired. He blew four blasts on the whistle, which was a prearranged signal in case of piracy, and then procured the bridge revolver, whilst he shouted to the quartermaster, who was outside the chart room, to call the Captain. He and the remainder of the officers later arrived on the bridge and they defended the ship with rifles and revolvers. Subsequently he was put in charge of one of the lifeboats, and when the H.M.S. Stirling arrived on the scene, he went on board and identified the crew, separating them from the passengers. On December 10, he handed over the ship's rifles and arms to the police.

Mr. Andrews enquired if witness had seen any standing orders submitted to the officers by Captain Farrar, which they had been required to sign.

Mr. Johnson replied that he had and that he signed them about a year ago. He could not remember if any of them related to the engine room, but one part dealt with the signal of four blasts on the whistle which was to be given by the officer on watch if a piracy broke out.

Bhad Singh, ships guard 227, of the s.s. Haiching, said about 1.30 a.m. on December 8, he was patrolling the starboard alleyway and was passing the officer's cabin, when about 10 or 12 men seized him from behind. He could see there were about 15 there and they had come from the 'tween-deck. They pointed a revolver at him and then seized his own pistol and pulled it from his holster. He shouted out in Hindustani "The pirates have seized me." He was about 8 or 9 feet from the Indian guard's cabin at the time, and he knew the two guards, who were off duty, heard him, as the lights in the cabin were switched on and they shouted "Shoot! shoot!" When the shouts went up the pirates let him go and went forward towards the cabin and he made his escape to the bridge, where he took part in the defence of the ship, using a Winchester rifle, which another guard gave him.



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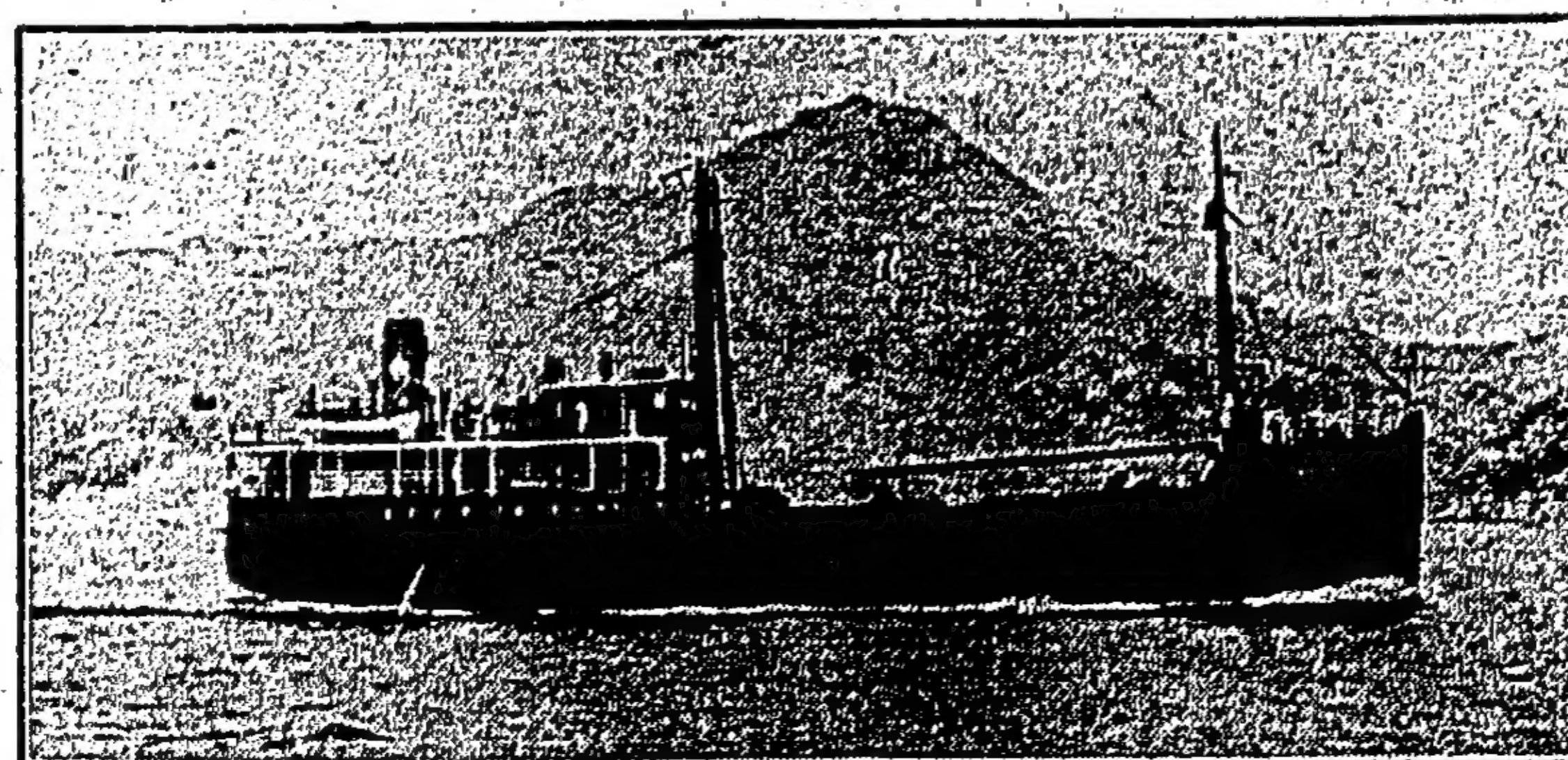
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She was expected to return to her mooring mast at Cardington before noon-to-day, having left on Monday with the intention of remaining aloft for forty-eight hours, which period had already been exceeded at 9.30 this morning, when she was reported over Bridge-water, Somerset.

It is obvious, therefore that a considerably longer cruise than was originally contemplated will be achieved.

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The flight is the last of the R.100's trial voyages to test her airworthiness. Major Scott is in command and there are fifty-six people aboard the vessel. Apart from fog and some rain, the weather has been fair for the cruise.

Later.

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When her health broke down, she had so won her way to the hearts of the people that prayers for her recovery were said in temples, mosques and synagogues throughout the country.—British Wireless.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

OCTOBER EXPENDITURE
EXCEEDS INCOME.

The latest financial returns issued show that the Colony's credit balance at the end of October was \$10,054,882, compared with \$10,408,065 at the end of September.

The revenue for October was \$2,147,695, as compared with \$1,963,823 for the same month in 1928, whilst the expenditure was \$2,500,848, against \$2,390,457 in the previous year.

The total revenue from January to October inclusive was \$19,143,949, against \$19,004,293 in 1928, whilst the respective expenditure figures were \$180,701 and \$16,923,670.

The January number of *The Maceo Review* has come to hand. There is much of interest in it including the article of the Hon. J.P. Braga on the Portuguese Pioneers of Hongkong and some notes and photographs on billiards in Hongkong.

BRITISH FISCAL POLICY.

EMPIRE FREE TRADE
DEBATE.

GOVERNMENT OPPOSED TO
THE IDEA.

THE TORIES SILENT.

London, Jan. 29.

A debate on Empire Free Trade took place to-day in the House of Commons. It was initiated by Mr. J. R. Remer (Conservative), who moved:—"That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Empire be developed as a single economic unit, with internal free trade as the ideal, and that the Government be urged to open negotiations with other Governments of the Empire with a view to the formulation of a policy designed to secure that the purchasing power of the Empire shall be directed primarily to the full employment of the inhabitants of the Empire."

Mr. Remer said he was not in the least afraid of the cry "Your food will cost you more." If it proved to be true, which he did not believe, we should be giving good and permanent employment to our people, instead of doles and unemployment.

Liberal Amendment.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, agreed that it was desirable to get all that was possible of the trade of the Dominions and Colonies, but the real test was what were they going to give in return. He moved a Liberal amendment to add, at the end of the motion, the words:—"Provided that any such proposals shall not include additional taxation upon foodstuffs or raw materials imported into the United Kingdom."

Conservative Silence.

Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said as this was a private member's discussion, he would not deal with any of the statements made in the debate, but would confine himself simply to that part of the motion which called on the Government to take action. A most regrettable feature of the debate had been the silence of members of the late Conservative Government on this question.

The speeches of the two members who introduced the motion had made it perfectly clear that the motion meant the taxation of food and raw materials, and also of manufactured articles from foreign countries, which would necessarily raise prices. He (Mr. Snowden) need hardly say that the Government could give no support to a proposal of that kind.

To Help Empire Trade.

The Government were asked to open negotiations with other Governments of the Empire for the formulation of a policy designed to secure that the purchasing power of the Empire should be directed primarily to the full employment of the inhabitants of the Empire. If that stood alone apart from what went before, then the Government, said Mr. Snowden, would have no objection to it, because they were anxious to do all that they could to promote imperial trade. The Labour Party had supported every measure which, in their opinion, was likely to knit together the bonds uniting the Mother Country and the Overseas Dominions.

"That we shall continue to do," continued Mr. Snowden, "but we shall give no support to a policy such as is hidden in the terms of the resolution. To vote for the resolution would be to vote for a tax on the people's food and for proposals which would increase the costs of production in every manufacturing industry in this country and reduce the standard of living of the workers of this country."

The debate was adjourned.—British Wireless.

Economic Council.

London, Jan. 29.

Following the announcement made by the Premier recently in the House of Commons, a Treasury minute has been issued regarding the establishment of an Economic Advisory Council.

It states that the purpose of the Council is to advise the Government in economic matters. It will make a continuous study of developments in trade and industry and in the use of national and imperial resources of the effect of legislation and fiscal policy at home and abroad, and of all

THE NEW SPANISH REGIME.

GEN. BERENGUER TO TAKE
THREE PORTFOLIOS.

CABINET COMPLETED.

Madrid, Jan. 30.

Following the resignation of General Primo de Rivera, a new Cabinet has been formed.

General Berenguer, the successor of Primo de Rivera, in addition to being Premier, becomes Minister for War and Minister for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 29.

The new Spanish Premier, General Berenguer, was High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco in 1921 at the time of the Melilla reverse when great numbers of Spanish troops were killed by the Moors.

As supreme chief of the army in Morocco he was tried on a charge of negligence but was acquitted of all responsibility for the disaster. He resigned, but was later reinstated.

In 1924 he was sentenced to six months imprisonment in a fortress for attending a banquet at which speeches were made attacking the Dictatorship. General Berenguer was pardoned, however, after serving three months, and two years later was appointed head of the King's Military Household.—Reuter.

Madrid, Jan. 29.

General Primo de Rivera, who is resigning from the Army, is publishing to-day an official note explaining the reasons for the crisis.

The Berenguer Cabinet is expected to be sworn in this afternoon. One of its first actions will be the parliamentary election.

General Berenguer states that outbreaks of any kind will not be tolerated, especially against members of the Dictatorship, hence a very strict censorship is to be maintained temporarily.—Reuter.

BANK OF ENGLAND POLICY.

CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED
STATES.

London, Jan. 29.

Commenting on the Bank of England's announcement that Dr. Sprague, Professor of Banking and Finance at Harvard University, has consented to take up the work of economist and statistical adviser to the Governor of the Bank, the *Daily Telegraph* says it indicates not merely that there is to be a continuity in the policy of co-operation between the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve system, but that the experiment has been a success. Mr. Stewart, who retired from the position, was at one time head of the Statistical Division of the Federal Reserve Bank at Washington.—British Wireless.

DEAD SEA SALTS CONCESSION.

THE AGREEMENT SIGNED AT
LAST.

London, Jan. 29.

Dr. Shields, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, stated in the House of Commons that the preliminary agreement regarding the Dead Sea concession, which was signed last May, had since been completed.

The deed was signed on January 1st, granting a concession to the Palestine Potash Company, formed by Mr. Novomeysky and Major Tulloch.—British Wireless.

aspects of national, Imperial and international economy with any bearing on the prosperity of the country. The Chairman will be the Premier.

The Council will take over and expand the functions of the existing Committee of Civil Research. The members of the Council will be the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister-in-Charge of the Unemployment Problem, the President of the Board of Trade, and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. There will also be as members other persons chosen by reason of their special knowledge and experience in industry and economics.

The Council may invite inquiries into and advise upon any subject falling within its scope, including proposals for legislation. Its reports and work will be confidential, unless the Council advises the Premier otherwise. Any action arising out of them will be taken on the sole responsibility of the Government.—British Wireless.

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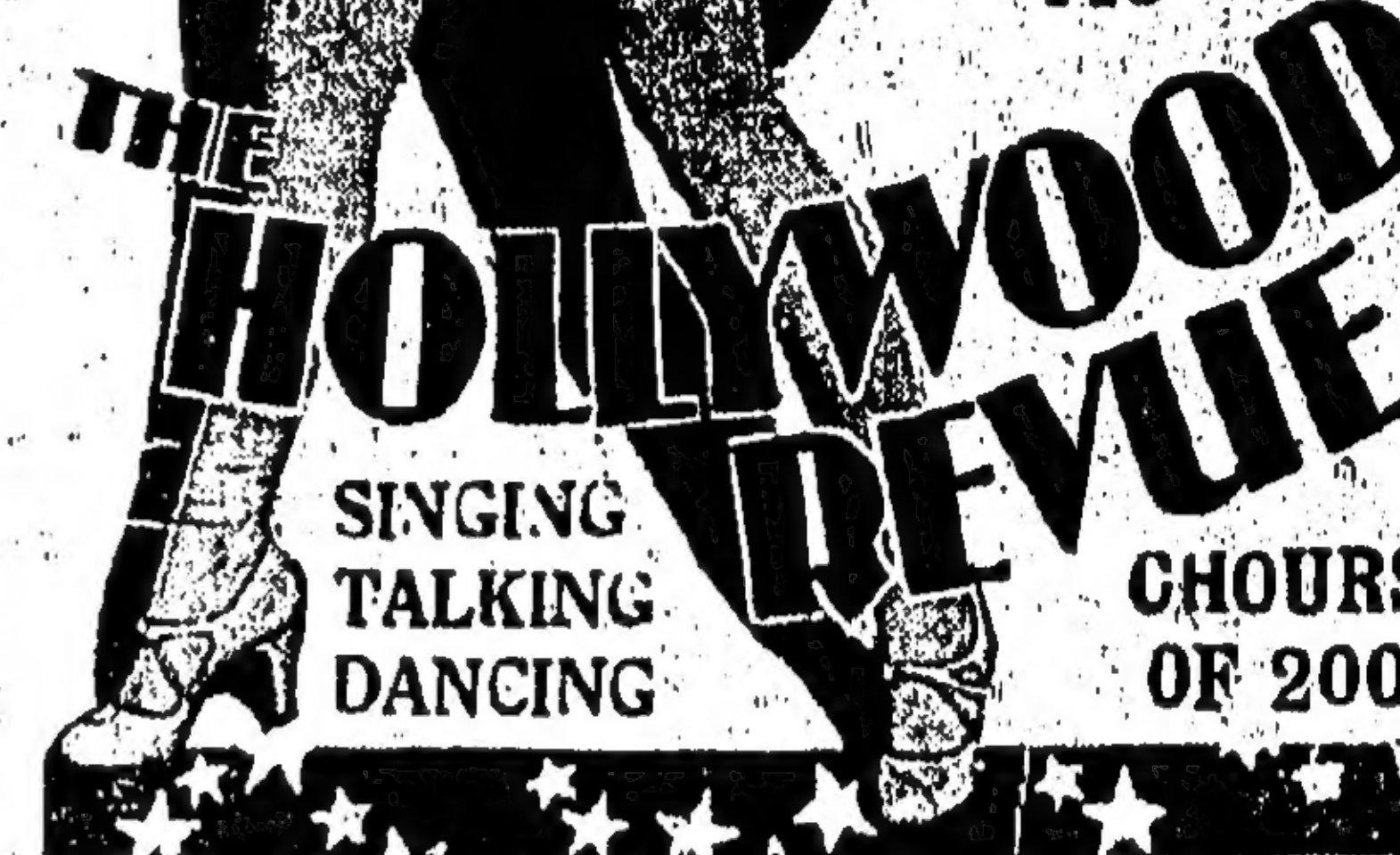
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